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Introduced by Sen. MONTGOMERY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on New York City Education

AN ACT establishing a commission on New York city school governance and mayoral accountability

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. A state commission, to be known as the commission on New York city school governance and mayoral accountability, hereafter referred to as the commission, is hereby created to critically examine the effectiveness of the current school governance system and to identify shortcomings and develop recommendations for improving the New York city public school governance system.

§ 2. The members of the commission shall consist of elected and appointed parent leaders, students, administrators, teachers, support staff, and community members who are education advocates. All appointed members shall be appointed by the chancellor of the New York city department of education.

§ 3. (a) For the accomplishment of its purposes, the commission may meet and hold public and/or private hearings within or without the state, and shall have all the powers of a legislative committee pursuant to the legislative law. The commission is authorized and empowered to undertake any studies, inquiries, surveys or analyses it may deem relevant through its own personnel or in cooperation with or by agreement with any other public or private agency.

(b) To the maximum extent feasible, the commission may request and shall be entitled to receive and shall utilize and be provided with such facilities, resources and data from any court in the state and from any subdivision, department, board, bureau, commission, office, agency or other instrumentality of the state or of any political subdivision ther-

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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eof as it deems necessary or desirable for the proper execution of its powers and duties and to effectuate the purposes set forth in this act.

§ 4. The commission shall make recommendations and a report of its findings. The commission shall submit such recommendations and report developed by it relating to issues involving the school governance system in New York city public schools, including any recommendations for legislative action as it may deem necessary and appropriate, to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly no later than the thirty-first day of December in the year next succeeding the year in which this act shall have become a law. The commission shall issue a binding recommendation which shall be presented to the legislature to completely accept or reject such recommendation.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the provisions of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed on the first day next succeeding the date of the submission of the report as required in section four of this act; and provided further, however, that the commission shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the submission of its report as provided for in section four of this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state or New York in furtherance of effecting the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.