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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. THOMAS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to prohibit school districts from requiring annual professional performance reviews of classroom teachers and building principals during the 2020-2021 school year; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, school districts shall not be required to complete annual professional performance reviews of classroom teachers and building principals during the 2020-2021 school year due to the state disaster emergency declared pursuant to executive order 202 of 2020 and any apportionment of funds for the general support of public schools for which a school district is otherwise entitled shall not be withheld due to a school district not submitting documentation to the commissioner of education demonstrating that the school district has fully implemented the standards and procedures for conducting annual teacher and principal evaluations of teachers and principals in accordance with the requirements of section 3012-d of the education law and the regulations issued by the commissioner of education.

§ 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board of education or the trustees of a common school district, only upon specific agreement, may appoint on tenure those classroom teachers and building principals recommended by the superintendent of schools who are in the final year of the probationary period, have received the previous requisite annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to section 3012-d of the education law and would have been in their discretion qualified for appointment on tenure based upon past performance, notwithstanding that their annual professional performance review had not been completed and they had not received the necessary effectiveness

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

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rating for the 2020-2021 school year, or such board of education or trustees of a common school district may extend such determination for an additional year.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed June 30, 2021.