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Introduced by Sen. REICHLIN-MELNICK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to direct the commissioner of education and the commissioner of labor to study the appropriateness of county placement in the regional cost index used for the school aid formula

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

Section 1. The New York state education department ("the department") shall, in consultation with the New York state department of labor, study and review the geographic cost variations of the counties located in the Hudson Valley labor force region to determine the appropriateness of the regional cost index values used within the public school foundation aid formula, as well as county placement in the Hudson Valley region. The department shall consider the appropriateness of moving any of the counties of Orange, Rockland, Westchester, Dutchess or Putnam currently within the Hudson Valley region into the Long Island/New York city region. The department shall consult with the New York state department of labor to review labor costs for the Hudson Valley region and the Long Island/New York city region. The department shall also review the regional costs associated with construction and study the impact on applying an up to date cost index on public school building aid reimbursement.

§ 2. The department shall, on or before March 1, 2022, report the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the study required by section one of this act to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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