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## IN SENATE

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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 Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

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

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

20 § 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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