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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT directing the state department of education to place a moratorium on the use of Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) until certain requirements are met; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to the high school equivalency account

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

Section 1. The commissioner of the state education department is hereby directed to place a moratorium on the use of the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) high school equivalency assessment until such time as the department has:

1. developed a TASC curriculum;

2. trained high school equivalency diploma instructors, including instructors at the board of cooperative educational services, community based programs and community colleges, with regard to the common core aligned TASC;

3. provided basic computer based skills to applicants;

4. provided for fee forgiveness for those applicants who paid for and took the General Educational Development (GED) course at state university community colleges but have not taken the exam;

5. implemented a process ensuring that the TASC results will be processed and made available to the applicant within sixty days of the test date.

§ 2. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 97-hhh of the state finance law, as added by section 84 of part A of chapter 436 of the laws of 1997, are amended to read as follows:

2. Notwithstanding any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to receive for deposit to the credit of the high school equivalency account, fees established by the commissioner of education and approved by the direc-

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

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tor of the budget to supplement administration of the [~~general educational development~~] test assessing secondary completion tests for the high school equivalency diploma.

3. Moneys of this account, following appropriation by the legislature, shall be available to the state education department for services and expenses related to the administration of the [~~general educational development~~] test assessing secondary completion tests for the high school equivalency diploma.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.