STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 3, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to directing a study on the feasibility of adjusting the compulsory attendance age of minors attending full time instruction

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

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 60 to read as follows:

60. On or before July first, two thousand twenty-three, the commissioner shall conduct a study on the feasibility of adjusting the compulsory attendance age for when minors shall attend full time instruction and deliver a report of the findings and recommendations based on such findings to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly. The commissioner shall consult with educators, parents, and other stakeholders to conduct a study which shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) the social, emotional, and educational appropriateness of the state's compulsory attendance age for when minors shall attend full time instruction;

(b) the appropriateness and feasibility of adjusting the age of required attendance to start school in New York state to minors who become five years of age after the first of September in any school year; and

(c) the educational programs and services available to minors who would otherwise be enrolled in prekindergarten pursuant to an adjustment in the state's compulsory attendance age.

§ 2. 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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