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Introduced by M. of A. JACOBSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to establish a task force on education funding and property tax reform

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

- 1 Section 1. Task force on education funding and property tax reform.
2 1. There is hereby created a task force on education funding and property tax reform in New York state within the state education department.
3 The purpose of the task force shall be to conduct a comprehensive study
4 and provide recommendations on education funding and the role of property taxes in funding New York's education system to ensure an effective,
5 efficient, and equitable system of funding public education. The task
6 force shall review and offer recommendations on the following:
7 (a) the current reliance on property taxes to fund New York's education system, including its impact on taxpayers and high-need school
8 districts;
9 (b) district-specific factors, such as the impact of regional costs
10 and student need in education funding;
11 (c) federal changes which impact property taxes, including but not
12 limited to, the federal cap on the state and local tax deduction;
13 (d) community and school district income and wealth as it relates to
14 local property taxes;
15 (e) the use of property taxes to fund education in other states;
16 (f) spending disparities among neighboring school districts; and
17 (g) additional relevant factors that the task force deems necessary.
18 2. (a) The task force shall consist of seventeen members as follows:
19 (i) the commissioner of education or his or her designee, who shall
20 serve as chair of the task force;
21 (ii) four people appointed by the governor;
22 (iii) four people appointed by the temporary president of the senate;
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (iv) four people appointed by the speaker of the assembly; and

2 (v) four people appointed by the commissioner of education.

3 (b) All appointments of members of the task force shall be made no
4 later than thirty days after the effective date of this act. The task
5 force may begin its duties when a majority of the total number of posi-
6 tions have been appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing
7 authority. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation
8 for their services.

9 3. The task force shall make a report to the governor, temporary pres-
10 ident of the senate and speaker of the assembly of its findings, conclu-
11 sions and recommendations on or before December 31, 2023.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.