

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 15, 2024

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

AN ACT to establish a task force on pandemic learning loss in New York state; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. 1. Task force on pandemic learning loss in New York state.
2 There is hereby established a task force on pandemic learning loss in
3 New York state. The purpose of the task force shall be to conduct a
4 comprehensive study on the impacts of remote learning on children
5 enrolled in pre-kindergarten, elementary, and secondary education during
6 the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to:

- 7 (a) how much regression in reading has occurred;
- 8 (b) how much regression in math has occurred;
- 9 (c) how much regression in science has occurred;
- 10 (d) how many students were disenrolled from schooling;
- 11 (e) the impact of masking on speech development;
- 12 (f) the impact of remote learning on children's mental health;
- 13 (g) the impact of remote learning on standardized test scores;
- 14 (h) the effectiveness of remote-learning compared to classroom-based
15 learning; and
- 16 (i) the disparity of the impact on minority communities compared to
17 the impact of remote learning on non-minority communities.

18 2. The task force shall consist of twelve members to be appointed as
19 follows:

- 20 (a) three members appointed by the Governor;
- 21 (b) the Commissioner of Education;
- 22 (c) one member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;
- 23 (d) one member appointed by the Temporary President of the Senate;
- 24 (e) one member appointed by the Assembly Minority Leader;
- 25 (f) one member appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;
- 26 (g) one member of New York State United Teachers;
- 27 (h) one member of the New York State School Boards Association; and

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

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1 (i) two members, appointed by the Governor, representing charter
2 schools.

3 3. The members of the task force shall designate one of the members as
4 chair of the task force. All appointments of the members of the task
5 force shall be made no later than thirty days after the effective date
6 of this act. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.
7 The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their
8 services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses
9 incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this act.

10 4. The task force shall make a report to the Governor and the Legisla-
11 ture of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations on or before
12 December 31, 2024.

13 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
14 deemed repealed January 1, 2025.