**§ 101-b. Paperwork reduction.** 1. The commissioner shall be authorized to receive and accept reports, plans, applications and all other information required to be reported by statute or regulation through electronic means. The commissioner shall accept hard copy non-electronic filings or submissions if the school district is able to demonstrate that complying with electronic submission requirements would create undue hardship for the school district or some other good cause exists that would make electronic submission extremely impractical for the school district.

2. It shall be the duty of the commissioner to review all existing reports and plans that school districts and boards of cooperative educational services are required to submit and by November first, two thousand ten, the commissioner shall submit to the board of regents, the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, the director of the budget and the chairs of the respective fiscal and education committees of the senate and assembly specific recommendations to eliminate unnecessary or duplicative reporting requirements; and where possible, recommendations to consolidate reports, plans and other information required to be submitted to the commissioner including which recommendations could be implemented administratively and which would require statutory authorization.