



STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY 12224

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TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 10168, entitled:

“AN ACT relating to temporary provisions for the implementation of common core learning standards”

NOT APPROVED

This bill would temporarily modify the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) system for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years by limiting, in certain situations, consequences for negative scores for teachers for two years. However, the 2013-14 teacher evaluation results recently released by the State Education Department are not an accurate assessment--only 0.7% of teachers were rated “Ineffective” under the APPR, and so the legislation is unnecessary.

Therefore, next year I will propose comprehensive reforms to the current APPR in order to strengthen the system. These temporary provisions do not fix the foundational issues with the teacher evaluation system. Given what we know now, it would make no sense to sign this bill and further inflate these already inflated ratings. Instead, it is critical that we make systemic improvements to the evaluation system so that it acts as a rigorous, accurate, and reliable measure that will allow districts and schools to meaningfully differentiate between educators.

The bill is disapproved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Cuomo".