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Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to authorize the New York state urban development corporation to enter into agreements to develop a Cyber Research Institute

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Legislative Findings. The legislature finds that the issue
2 of securing networked computer systems is of increasing importance.
3 Governments at all levels, including the military, private businesses,
4 and individuals have increasingly become the targets of cyber attacks
5 which range from theft of privileged or proprietary information to
6 destructive efforts to impede or shut down systems which operate key
7 elements of infrastructure, banking and business transactions, or vital
8 functions of government, to name just a few. The increasing demands
9 posed by this threat create a need for research and development in the
10 area of cyber security in an environment which will allow pursuit of
11 these studies in both an open academic setting and, also, in a secure
12 environment for classified research. The United States Air Force
13 Research Lab at Rome, New York is presently conducting important work at
14 its Information Assurance and Cyber Science Technology Laboratory. It is
15 noted that several private businesses are presently engaged in cyber
16 science work in close proximity to the Air Force Research Lab at Rome at
17 the Griffiss Business and Technology Park, and several New York colleges
18 and universities offer undergraduate and graduate programs in cyber
19 science and security. This combination of resources uniquely positions
20 the state of New York to become a leader in cyber security research and
21 development.

22 S 2. (a) The New York state urban development corporation shall under-
23 take to establish, through public and private partnerships, which shall
24 include the Air Force Research Laboratory at Rome, New York based
25 colleges and universities, private businesses, and not-for-profit enti-

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

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1 ties, a Cyber Research Institute to be located at the Griffiss Business
2 and Technology Park in Rome, New York. Such institute shall be an inde-
3 pendent not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the state
4 of New York. It shall be governed by a board of directors which shall
5 have at least eight and not more than twelve members, no fewer than
6 three-quarters of whom shall be knowledgeable in fields directly related
7 to cyber security or have ongoing engagement and responsibility in the
8 cyber security industry or in industries where cyber security is essen-
9 tial or shall have experience in teaching, research or applied work in
10 the area of cyber security in academic, business or government settings.

11 (b) The New York state urban development corporation shall work with
12 the collaborating businesses and educational institutions, as well as
13 the Griffiss Local Development Corporation, to ensure that a cooperative
14 working relationship is established between those institutions and
15 potential participants of such research institute so that resources are
16 made available and used in a responsible manner to support the success-
17 ful development of the proposed research institute and the creation of
18 ongoing linkages between the training, research, development, demon-
19 stration and technology transfer resources of the region's higher educa-
20 tion institutions, private sector businesses and the activities located
21 at the Griffiss Business and Technology Park.

22 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.