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AN ACT in relation to requiring the education department, in consultation with the department of labor and any other entity the education department deems appropriate, to produce an annual report regarding state workforce projections and education credential production; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1     Section 1. To the extent practicable within available resources and  
2     subject to the availability of data currently collected by and accessi-  
3     ble to state agencies, the education department, in consultation with  
4     the department of labor and any other entity the education department  
5     deems appropriate, shall produce an annual report regarding state work-  
6     force need projections and credential production. The report shall:  
7     a. indicate the state's anticipated workforce needs for the three-year  
8     period following the report and the number of degrees, certificates, and  
9     other credentials that public and private institutions of higher educa-  
10    tion, private occupational schools, local community colleges and area  
11    vocational schools expect to issue over the three-year period following  
12    the report;  
13    b. to the extent provided by sources external to the education depart-  
14    ment, indicate the state's anticipated number of degrees, certificates  
15    and other credentials that high school vocational programs, apprentice-

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

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1 ship programs and other public or private workforce training programs  
2 expect to issue over the three-year period following the report;

3 c. identify any workforce needs, including areas of specialization and  
4 levels of experience within a particular vocation, that may not be met  
5 by the education, training, and apprenticeship programs;

6 d. identify institutions that currently provide career and technical  
7 education, including any primary or secondary programs that issue certi-  
8 fied degrees or diplomas in any career and technical education programs,  
9 and determine whether such programs are assisting in filling workforce  
10 needs and whether additional career and technical education programs  
11 would help fill identified workforce needs;

12 e. identify institutions, public or private, that can meet the work-  
13 force needs through expansion of existing programs or by developing new  
14 programs. The education department, by January 15 of each year, begin-  
15 ning in 2017, shall provide a copy of the report to the higher education  
16 committees of the assembly and the senate, or any successor committees,  
17 to the commerce, economic development and small business committee of  
18 the senate, or any successor committee, to the economic development, job  
19 creation, commerce and industry committee of the assembly, or any  
20 successor committee, and to the governor; and

21 f. determine whether the education department, in conjunction with the  
22 department of labor, can make future information, studied and provided  
23 for under this act, available on a real-time basis, including a determi-  
24 nation of the funds needed to implement such a system, the ability of  
25 current technology to accomplish real-time reporting, the need for any  
26 new technology to aid in real-time reporting, and the benefit provided  
27 to employers, employees, and educators in providing such information on  
28 a real-time basis.

29 S 2. The education department shall send the report to every public  
30 post-secondary institution governing board in the state and to public  
31 school districts and charter schools in the state. The report shall also  
32 be available to private schools within the state upon request and shall  
33 be made available on the website maintained by the education department.

34 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
35 deemed repealed three years after such date.