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AN ACT to establish a workgroup to examine and make recommendations on the security and protection of New York national guard recruiting centers

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

Section 1. 1. The division of military and naval affairs shall establish a workgroup to examine and make recommendations on the security and protection of New York national guard recruiting centers from terrorist attacks.

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2. The workgroup shall consist of 13 members as follows: the adjutant general of the division of military and naval affairs, the chair of the senate committee on veterans, homeland security and military affairs, the commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency services, the chair of the assembly committee on veterans' affairs, the superintendent of state police, four members appointed by the governor, two members appointed by the temporary president of the senate and two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly. The adjutant general of the division of military and naval affairs shall serve as chair of the workgroup. All appointees shall have expertise in the fields of public safety, terrorism, or military affairs. Members of the workgroup shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

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

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3. The workgroup shall examine and make recommendations on issues including:

- a. Providing sidearms or issuing permits to carry a concealed firearm to full-time New York national guard personnel employed at recruiting centers;
- b. Improving and strengthening building security through the installation of metal detectors, bulletproof glass, video surveillance equipment and barricades to limit vehicle access at national guard recruiting centers and at ROTC facilities;
- c. Relocating recruiting centers to armories or other secure locations; and
- d. Any additional measures deemed necessary by the workgroup to protect employees, recruits, visitors and any other individuals at New York national guard recruiting centers and ROTC facilities.
- 4. The workgroup shall convene by March 1, 2017 and shall issue recommendations no later than December 31, 2017, and shall issue periodic reports with recommendations thereafter.
- 5. The division of military and naval affairs shall consider the recommendations of the workgroup and shall be authorized to take such steps necessary to expeditiously implement such recommendations including adoption of conforming regulations.
- 6. The workgroup shall issue a report on an annual basis to the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the senate committee on veterans, homeland security and military affairs and the chair of the assembly committee on veterans' affairs.
 - S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.