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Introduced by M. of A. BARRETT, BUCHWALD, SEAWRIGHT, DE LA ROSA, WEPRIN, REYES, LAVINE, QUART, BRONSON, GOTTFRIED, GLICK, DINOWITZ, SIMOTAS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- recommitted to the Committee on Governmental Operations in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to establish a task force to explore the effects of cyber-bullying in New York state and potential measures to address such effects; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. A temporary task force is hereby established to conduct and
- 2 submit a comprehensive study on the effects of, and potential methods to
- 3 address, cyber-bullying. The scope of such study shall include:
- 4 a. identifying the most common victims of cyber-bullying by age, race,
- 5 ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual
- 6 orientation or any other identifying characteristic the members of the
- 7 task force deem relevant;
- 8 b. determining the most common mediums used in cases of cyber-bully-
- 9 ing, including but not limited to, text messages, websites, and social
- 10 media;
- 11 c. identifying the social and psychological effects of cyber-bullying
- 12 on individuals;
- 13 d. recommendations, based upon the findings of the task force, on the
- 14 prevention of cyber-bullying;
- 15 e. identifying ways in which the state can better assist individuals
- 16 who have been victims of cyber-bullying; and

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

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1 f. identifying measures other states have taken to address cyber-bul-
2 lying.

3 § 2. a. The task force shall consist of eleven members, which to the
4 extent practicable shall be experts in the fields of child psychology,
5 technology, law enforcement, mental health, or social services, or an
6 appropriate field related to the mission of the task force, to be
7 appointed as follows:

8 (1) five members appointed by the governor;

9 (2) two members appointed by the temporary president of the senate;

10 (3) two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly;

11 (4) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; and

12 (5) one member appointed by the minority leader of the assembly.

13 b. The governor shall designate one of the appointees as the chair of
14 the task force.

15 c. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
16 their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses
17 incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this act.

18 d. All appointments shall be made no later than ninety days after the
19 effective date of this act. All vacancies shall be filled by the
20 appointing authority in a timely manner.

21 § 3. The task force shall report its findings, conclusions, and recom-
22 mendations to the governor, temporary president of the senate, and
23 speaker of the assembly on or before July 1, 2022. Such report shall
24 also be published on the website of the New York state office of mental
25 health.

26 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed
27 repealed December 31, 2022.