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Introduced by M. of A. REYES, DICKENS, JEAN-PIERRE, GOTTFRIED, COOK,
DE LA ROSA, HYNDMAN, FRONTUS, JACOBSON, VANEL, PICHARDO, HUNTER, FALL
-- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. EPSTEIN, SAYEGH, SIMON -- read once
and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT to direct the president of the state civil service commission to
conduct a study on the current civil service examination process to
identify and provide recommendations to improve current methodologies
used regarding the examination process to ensure diversity in recruit-
ment and hiring in the public sector

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

1 Section 1. The president of the state civil service commission is
2 hereby directed to conduct a study on the current civil service examina-
3 tion process to identify existing resources and provide recommendations
4 on how to improve current methodologies used regarding the examination
5 process to ensure diversity in the recruitment and hiring in the public
6 sector. Such study shall review the various needs of applicants based
7 on age, race, creed, color, national origin, native language, sexual
8 orientation, gender identity or expression, sex, disability or marital
9 status. The study must also review available resources to ensure that
10 each of the needs of the above applicants are sufficiently met to ensure
11 that there are no undue barriers that could limit opportunities and
12 prevent a diverse public sector workforce. Such resources shall include,
13 but not be limited to, transportation, accessibility to examination
14 location and times of examinations, technology, preparation courses on
15 general exams, translators, tests available in applicant's native
16 language, preparation materials or other study materials provided to
17 applicants before examinations are scheduled, mentors or a mentorship
18 program, or any other testing accommodations deemed necessary for a
19 documented disability. If resources are not available, the commission
20 shall make recommendations regarding how such resources can be provided.

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

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1 Such commission shall also make other recommendations regarding the
2 examination process to ensure diversity in recruitment and hiring in the
3 public sector.

4 § 2. On or before two hundred seventy days after the effective date of
5 this act, the president of the state civil service commission shall
6 complete the study pursuant to section one of this act and shall there-
7 after deliver a copy of the findings and any legislative recommendations
8 he or she deems to be necessary to the governor, the temporary president
9 of the senate and the speaker of the assembly.
10 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.