

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. KELLES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing the LGBTQ+ advisory board

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new article 45-C
2 to read as follows:

3 ARTICLE 45-C
4 LGBTQ+ ADVISORY BOARD

5 Section 959. Definitions.

6 959-a. LGBTQ+ advisory board established.

7 959-b. Powers and duties.

8 § 959. Definitions. For the purposes of this article, the following
9 terms shall have the following meanings:

10 1. "LGBTQ+ advisory board" or "board" shall mean the LGBTQ+ advisory
11 board established pursuant to section nine hundred fifty-nine-a of this
12 article.

13 2. "LGBTQ+" shall mean a member of the community consisting of lesbi-
14 an, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, and other non-cis-
15 gender individuals, or a reference to such community as a whole.

16 § 959-a. LGBTQ+ advisory board established. 1. There is hereby estab-
17 lished an advisory board to be known as the "LGBTQ+ advisory board".

18 2. The board shall be comprised of twelve members, to be appointed as
19 follows: four members to be appointed by the governor, three members to
20 be appointed by the temporary president of the senate, three members to
21 be appointed by the speaker of the assembly, one member to be appointed
22 by the minority leader of the senate, and one member to be appointed by
23 the minority leader of the assembly.

24 3. All members of the board shall be non-legislative employees or
25 officials who identify as LGBTQ+.

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

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1 4. The initial appointment of board members pursuant to subdivision
2 two of this section shall be staggered as follows: three members for a
3 term of one year, three members for a term of two years, three members
4 for a term of three years, and three members for a term of four years.
5 After the initial staggering of terms, such board members shall be
6 appointed for a term of four years. No such board member shall serve
7 more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any such
8 term to which a board member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not
9 constitute a term in determining such board member's eligibility for
10 reappointment.

11 5. Appointments to fill board vacancies, other than by expiration of a
12 term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Board vacancies shall be filled
13 in the same manner as the original appointments. All board members may
14 be reappointed.

15 6. Board members shall receive no compensation for their services but
16 shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the
17 performance of their duties.

18 7. The governor shall provide staff support to the board. All agencies
19 of the state shall provide assistance to the board upon request.

20 § 959-b. Powers and duties. The board shall have the powers and duties
21 to:

22 1. Advise the governor regarding the development of economic, profes-
23 sional, cultural, educational, and governmental links between New York
24 state and the LGBTQ+ community in New York state.

25 2. Undertake studies, sponsor symposiums, conduct research, and
26 prepare factual reports to gather information to formulate and present
27 recommendations to the governor relating to issues of concern and impor-
28 tance to the LGBTQ+ community in New York state.

29 3. Advise the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the
30 speaker of the assembly as needed regarding any statutory, regulatory,
31 or other issues of importance to the LGBTQ+ community in New York state.

32 4. Apply for, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from the
33 public, or private sources, including any matching funds as may be
34 designated in an appropriation act, to enable it to better carry out its
35 objectives.

36 5. Submit an annual report to the governor, the temporary president of
37 the senate, and the speaker of the assembly detailing the actions of the
38 board, and any recommendations of the board.

39 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
40 it shall have become a law.