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AN ACT to establish the state task force on campus safety; 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. The state task force on campus safety (hereinafter referred  
2 to as "the task force") is hereby established. The task force shall  
3 conduct and complete a thorough examination and review of the status of  
4 safety and emergency preparedness at college campuses and universities  
5 and other institutions of learning within New York state; and propose a  
6 central operation to coordinate efforts and disseminate information  
7 during and immediately following an emergency. A subcommittee of such  
8 task force consisting primarily of mental health experts shall develop  
9 standard guidelines and procedures for use by campus administration to  
10 deal with episodes of mental illness occurring on campus.

11 S 2. a. The task force shall consist of eleven members appointed by  
12 the governor, as follows: one representing the administration of inde-  
13 pendent colleges and universities; one representing the administration  
14 of SUNY and CUNY campuses; one representative of parents of college  
15 students; one representative of college students; one representative  
16 each of faculty from the independent and SUNY/CUNY campuses; one repre-  
17 sentative of law enforcement; one representative of public safety or  
18 security experts; one representative from a recognized psychologist

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

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1 association; one representative from mental health advocacy groups; and  
2 one person to chair the task force. Six members of the task force shall  
3 constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the task  
4 force.

5 b. No member, officer or employee of the task force shall be disquali-  
6 fied from holding any other public office or employment, nor shall he or  
7 she forfeit any such office or employment by reason of his or her  
8 appointment pursuant to this act, notwithstanding the provisions of any  
9 general, special or local law, ordinance or city charter.

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

13 S 3. Additionally, all other departments or agencies of the state or  
14 subdivisions thereof, and local governments shall, at the request of the  
15 chair, provide the task force such facilities, assistance, and data as  
16 will enable the task force to carry out its powers and duties.

17 S 4. The task force may meet and hold public and/or private hearings  
18 within the regions of the state, and shall have all the powers of an  
19 executive body pursuant to the executive law.

20 S 5. The task force shall make a report of its findings to the gover-  
21 nor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assem-  
22 bly, within six months of the date of the task force's first meeting.  
23 Such report shall include recommendations for further action and legis-  
24 lation.

25 S 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall continue in full  
26 force and effect until the thirty-first day of December in the year next  
27 succeeding the year in which it shall have become a law, when upon such  
28 date the provisions of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed.