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AN ACT to establish an adolescent gambling task force and providing for its duties; 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:

Section 1. Adolescent gambling task force. (a) An adolescent gambling task force is hereby created to examine, evaluate and make recommendations concerning the necessity, content and manner of instruction for a course of instruction in problem gambling in grades 4 through 12. Such task force shall also examine the prevalence and consequences of problem gambling among adolescents. The task force shall also analyze whether such instruction should be conducted during school hours or after school.

(b) The adolescent gambling task force shall be composed of nine members as follows: the commissioner of alcoholism and substance abuse services, one member appointed by the commissioner of health to represent the department of health, one member appointed by the commissioner of education to represent the department of education, two members appointed by the temporary president of the senate to represent organizations which serve or advocate on behalf of adolescents, two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly to represent organizations which serve or advocate on behalf of adolescents, one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate and one person appointed by the minority leader of the assembly. The appointees shall be broadly representative of the geographic areas of the state, and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing official for such member. The chair of the

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

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task force shall be the commissioner of alcoholism and substance abuse services. On or before January 15, 2010, the chair of the task force shall submit, to the governor and the legislature, a list of the names of the members appointed to the task force and any vacancies in the membership thereof. Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

(c) The task force may meet within and without the state, shall hold public hearings, and shall have all the powers of a legislative committee pursuant to the legislative law.

(d) The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this section.

(e) To the maximum extent feasible, the task force shall be entitled to request and receive, and shall utilize and be provided with such facilities, resources and data of any court, department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof as it may reasonably request to properly carry out its powers and duties pursuant to this section.

(f) On or before June 1, 2010, the task force shall submit a preliminary report to the governor and the legislature of its findings, conclusions and recommendations.

(g) On or before June 1, 2011, the task force shall submit a final report to the governor and the legislature of its findings, conclusions and recommendations.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed June 2, 2011.