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AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to establishing the economic development program evaluation act

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The economic development law is amended by adding a new article 15 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 15

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM EVALUATION ACT

SECTION 270. DEFINITION.
271. PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.
272. EVALUATION.

S 270. DEFINITION. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM" SHALL MEAN A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTING THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF THE STATE, PROVIDES TRAINING OR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, SUPPORTS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY BY ENHANCING THE SKILLS OF THE STATE'S WORKFORCE, PREPARES INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT, IMPROVES OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS TO BECOME EMPLOYED, OR PROMOTES THE STATE ECONOMY.

S 271. PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION. 1. ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER FIRST, IN THE YEAR AFTER THIS SECTION BECAME LAW, EACH STATE AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES SHALL PREPARE A SEPARATE PLAN FOR EACH PROGRAM THAT SUCH AGENCY ADMINISTERS. EACH PLAN SHALL INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, A DESCRIPTION OF A MECHANISM FOR FUNDING DISTRIBUTION, PROGRAM OBJECTIVES, POPULATION TO BE SERVED, INSTITUTIONS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDS, AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE COORDINATION AND LINKAGES BETWEEN THIS PROGRAM AND OTHER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FUNDED SEPARATELY. SUCH PLAN SHALL ALSO INCLUDE AN EVALUATION COMPONENT AS PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EACH PROGRAM WHICH SHALL

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

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DESCRIBE HOW THE AGENCY WILL MONITOR THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES UNDER THE PROGRAM AND WHICH SHALL SET FORTH THE MEASURE OF EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SERVICES BEING PROVIDED.

2. PROGRAM PLANS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT.

3. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT EXEMPT ANY AGENCY FROM REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF PROGRAM PLANS PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW.

S 272. EVALUATION. 1. THE EVALUATION COMPONENT OF EACH PROGRAM PLAN SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

(A) A STATEMENT ON LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND INTENT;

(B) A STATEMENT OF PROGRAM OBJECTIVES WHICH IDENTIFIES OUTCOMES ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE PROGRAM, ANTICIPATED PERFORMANCE LEVELS, AND INDICATORS OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM;

(C) DEFINED QUANTITATIVE MEASURES WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE EVALUATION REPORT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A DESCRIPTION OF THE TARGETED POPULATION, CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPANT SELECTION, DEMOGRAPHICS ON PARTICIPANTS, MEASURES OF PROGRAM ACTIVITY, INVENTORY OF SERVICES PROVIDED, AND BUDGET INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS PER PARTICIPANT. FOR THOSE PROGRAMS WHERE AN OBJECTIVE IS JOB PLACEMENT, DATA SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE OCCUPATIONS WHICH PARTICIPANTS ENTER, THE RATE OF JOB RETENTION, PRE-PROGRAM WAGE EARNINGS AND POST-PROGRAM WAGE EARNINGS AS WELL AS OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURES WHICH INDICATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH PROGRAM ACTIVITIES MEET PROGRAM OBJECTIVES. OTHER PERFORMANCE INDICATORS THAT APPROPRIATELY DESCRIBE THE EFFECT OF THE PROGRAM AND DATA WHICH REFLECTS FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY APPROPRIATE TO THE SERVICES PROVIDED SHALL ALSO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE EVALUATION REPORT;

(D) A STATEMENT OF METHODOLOGY WHICH WILL RESULT IN A COMPARISON OF PROGRAM OUTCOMES AGAINST PROGRAM OBJECTIVES; AND

(E) ANY ADDITIONAL EVALUATION INFORMATION AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW.

2. (A) THE EVALUATION REPORT FOR EACH PROGRAM SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION.

(B) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, ALL PROGRAM DATA AND AN ANALYSIS WHICH COMPARES PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES AGAINST PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AS SPECIFIED IN THE EVALUATION COMPONENT OF THE PROGRAM PLAN DEFINED HEREIN AND SHALL INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF ACTIVITY FOR THE COMPLETED PROGRAM YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ISSUANCE OF THE REPORT AND AN INTERIM EVALUATION OF CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR ACTIVITY IF APPLICABLE.

3. BASED ON THE REVIEW CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE A UNIFIED SUMMARY OF EVALUATION REPORTS SUBMITTED BY EACH AGENCY PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE NO LATER THAN JANUARY THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE EACH INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM EVALUATION REPORT SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE UPON REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATURE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN SUCH SUMMARY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE RELATING TO IMPROVED PROGRAM COORDINATION AND SERVICE DELIVERY, PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS OR ENHANCEMENTS AND NECESSARY STATUTORY CHANGES.

4. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT EXEMPT ANY AGENCY FROM REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.