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Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing an
endowed chair within the state university of New York for the study of
terrorism and homeland security and making an appropriation therefor

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 716 to
2 read as follows:
3 S 716. ACADEMIC CHAIR FOR THE STUDY OF TERRORISM AND HOMELAND SECURI-
4 TY. 1. DECLARATION OF LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT. TERRORISM HAS
5 EMERGED AS THE MORTAL ENEMY OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS WORLDWIDE AND IT
6 INFECTS AND DISTORTS WORLD SECURITY, COMMERCE AND FREEDOM. IT HAS FORGED
7 UNHOLY ALLIANCES WITH CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LINKS TO OUTLAW STATES.
8 IT IS RUTHLESS, INHUMAN AND DEADLY, DEMONSTRATING A CONTEMPT FOR THE
9 BASIC VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE AND CIVILIZATION.
10 WITH THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF TERRORISM, THE CHALLENGE POSED TO OUR
11 MILITARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND GENERAL SOCIETY HAS GROWN EXPONENTIALLY.
12 THE STRATEGIES AND TACTICS DEVELOPED TO COMBAT TERRORISM ARE DYNAMIC AND
13 EVER CHANGING, REQUIRING A THOUGHTFUL AND REGULAR STUDY, EXAMINATION AND
14 REVIEW, IN ORDER TO BUILD THE CAPABILITIES NEEDED TO MEET THIS ONGOING
15 CHALLENGE. WE MUST DEVELOP THE MILITARY, LEGAL AND STRATEGIC FRAMEWORKS
16 WITH WHICH THOSE CHARGED WITH FIGHTING THE WAR ON TERROR MAY EFFECTIVELY
17 DEPLOY. THIS IS A MATTER OF THE GREATEST URGENCY. WE DO NOT HAVE THE
18 LUXURY OF TAKING TIME TO ANALYZE AND STUDY. WE ARE ALREADY IN A MORTAL
19 CONFRONTATION THAT THREATENS PEACE, PROSPERITY AND PUBLIC CONFIDENCE.
20 WE MUST PROTECT OUR PEOPLE AND OUR INSTITUTIONS.
21 ONCE AGAIN, NEW YORK WILL EXERCISE LEADERSHIP BY CREATING AN ENDOWED
22 CHAIR IN TERRORISM AND HOMELAND SECURITY WITHIN THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF
23 NEW YORK. THIS INSTITUTION WILL PROVIDE A FORUM FOR STUDY AND DELIBER-

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

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1 ATION ON THE DEFEAT OF TERRORISM AND THE PROMOTION OF HOMELAND SECURITY
2 WITH THE GOAL OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIES AND
3 SOLUTIONS.

4 2. ACADEMIC CHAIR TO STUDY TERRORISM AND HOMELAND SECURITY. THERE IS
5 HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, AN ACADEMIC
6 CHAIR TO STUDY TERRORISM AND HOMELAND SECURITY. SUCH CHAIR SHALL ORGAN-
7 IZE CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS, DEVELOP TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR LAW ENFORCE-
8 MENT OFFICERS, PUBLISH ITS PROCEEDINGS AND MAINTAIN A LIBRARY. THE CHAN-
9 CELLOR AND TRUSTEES OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL APPOINT A PERSON WELL
10 QUALIFIED BY EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM OF SUCH
11 CHAIR. SUCH CHAIR SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
12 TO BUILD ITS OWN ENDOWMENT.

13 S 2. The sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000), or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the state
15 university of New York from any moneys in the state treasury in the
16 general fund to the credit of the state purposes account not otherwise
17 appropriated for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this
18 act. Such sum shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the state
19 comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of
20 taxation and finance, or his duly designated representative in the
21 manner provided by law. No expenditure shall be made from this appropri-
22 ation until a certificate of approval of availability shall have been
23 issued by the director of the budget and filed with the state comp-
24 troller and a copy filed with the chairman of the senate finance commit-
25 tee and the chairman of the assembly ways and means committee. Such
26 certificate may be amended from time to time by the director of the
27 budget and a copy of each such amendment shall be filed with the state
28 comptroller, the chairman of the senate finance committee and the chair-
29 man of the assembly ways and means committee.

30 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.