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nications

AN ACT to amend the state technology law, in relation to creating the  
resultsNY.gov website

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

1     Section 1. Legislative findings and declaration. The legislature here-  
2 by finds and declares that many New York state agencies currently  
3 provide valuable information to the public regarding policy issues and  
4 government programs and initiatives. However, the public would clearly  
5 benefit by having website access to important performance-based statis-  
6 tics, policy issues and comparative information on a user-friendly "one  
7 stop shopping" basis. Such a website would dramatically expand public  
8 access to useful information and enable taxpayers to more readily review  
9 and better understand the many state programs that affect the quality of  
10 life such as public safety, education, energy, transportation, housing,  
11 health, law enforcement and the environment. Additionally, it would  
12 enhance government transparency and accountability while helping to  
13 ensure the public that their taxes are being spent prudently.  
14     Therefore, to achieve the above-stated intent, the legislature hereby  
15 finds and declares that there be established the "resultsNY.gov" website  
16 to be initiated, operated and maintained by the state office for tech-  
17 nology with oversight authority by the committee on resultsNY.gov.  
18 Patterned after the federal office of management and budget's Expect-  
19 More.gov website, this proposal will establish a new, user-friendly  
20 website that provides the public with the ability to review the perform-  
21 ance of state government agencies and programs. ResultsNY.gov would  
22 provide a new single access website, with specific indicators to help  
23 the public determine how effectively tax dollars are being spent, and  
24 how individual government programs are performing.

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

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1 S 2. Section 103 of the state technology law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision 18 to read as follows:

3 18. TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE FROM ANY DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, BOARD,  
4 COMMISSION OR OTHER AGENCY OF THE STATE, ANY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES  
5 NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN  
6 ARTICLE FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER.

7 S 3. Subdivisions 3 and 4 of section 105 of the state technology law,  
8 as added by chapter 430 of the laws of 1997 and such section as renum-  
9 bered by chapter 437 of the laws of 2004, are amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 3. To recommend surveys and reports to be completed by the director to  
12 carry out all of the objectives and purposes of this article; [and]

13 4. TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT TO THE OFFICE IN THE DEVELOPMENT  
14 AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FORMAT AND CONTENT OF RESULTS.NY.GOV; AND

15 5. To perform such other acts as may be assigned by the chairperson of  
16 the council which are necessary or appropriate to carry out the func-  
17 tions of the council.

18 S 4. The state technology law is amended by adding a new article 5 to  
19 read as follows:

20 ARTICLE V  
21 RESULTS.NY.GOV ACT

22 SECTION 501. SHORT TITLE.

23 502. DEFINITIONS.

24 503. RESULTS.NY.GOV.

25 S 501. SHORT TITLE. THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS  
26 THE "RESULTS.NY.GOV ACT".

27 S 502. DEFINITIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE:

28 1. "ELECTRONIC" SHALL MEAN OF OR RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY HAVING ELEC-  
29 TRICAL, DIGITAL, MAGNETIC, WIRELESS, OPTICAL, ELECTROMAGNETIC, OR SIMI-  
30 LAR CAPABILITIES.

31 2. "ELECTRONIC RECORD" SHALL MEAN INFORMATION, EVIDENCING ANY ACT,  
32 TRANSACTION, OCCURRENCE, EVENT, OR OTHER ACTIVITY, PRODUCED OR STORED BY  
33 ELECTRONIC MEANS AND CAPABLE OF BEING ACCURATELY REPRODUCED IN FORMS  
34 PERCEPTIBLE BY HUMAN SENSORY CAPABILITIES.

35 3. "GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY" SHALL MEAN ANY STATE DEPARTMENT, BOARD,  
36 BUREAU, DIVISION, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, PUBLIC AUTHORITY, PUBLIC BENE-  
37 FIT CORPORATION, COUNCIL, OFFICE, OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OR OFFI-  
38 CER OF THE STATE HAVING STATEWIDE AUTHORITY, EXCEPT THE STATE LEGISLA-  
39 TURE, AND ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.

40 S 503. RESULTS.NY.GOV. 1. THE OFFICE, IN COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION  
41 WITH THE COUNCIL, SHALL ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, UPDATE AND OPERATE THE  
42 RESULTS.NY.GOV WEBSITE. THE OFFICE MAY REQUEST FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL  
43 ENTITY SUCH COOPERATION IN FURNISHING IT WITH INFORMATION THAT SHALL  
44 ENABLE THE OFFICE TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. ALL  
45 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES ARE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PROVIDE TO THE  
46 OFFICE SUCH COOPERATION, ASSISTANCE, SERVICE, ADVICE AND ELECTRONIC  
47 RECORDS IN A TIMELY MANNER.

48 2. THE OFFICE SHALL ENSURE THE RESULTS.NY.GOV WEBSITE SHALL PROVIDE TO  
49 THE USER OF THE WEBSITE COMPARATIVE DATA AND STATISTICS TO IDENTIFY THE  
50 STATE'S PERFORMANCE REGIONALLY AND NATIONALLY RELATING TO, BUT NOT  
51 LIMITED TO, THE ECONOMY, EDUCATION, PUBLIC SAFETY, ENERGY, HOUSING, AND  
52 THE ENVIRONMENT.

53 3. THE OFFICE, IN COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNCIL, SHALL  
54 COLLECT FROM ANY AND ALL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT  
55 ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE DATA. SUCH DATA, AT A MINIMUM, SHALL  
56 DETERMINE:

1 (A) DOES THE PROGRAM ADDRESS A SPECIFIC AND EXISTING PROBLEM, INTEREST  
2 OR NEED;

3 (B) IS THE PROGRAM DESIGNED SO THAT IT IS NOT REDUNDANT OR DUPLICATIVE  
4 OF ANY OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR PRIVATE EFFORT;

5 (C) DOES THE PROGRAM HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SPECIFIC LONG-TERM  
6 PERFORMANCE MEASURES THAT FOCUS ON OUTCOMES AND MEANINGFULLY REFLECT THE  
7 PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM;

8 (D) DOES THE PROGRAM HAVE AMBITIOUS TARGETS AND TIMEFRAMES FOR ITS  
9 LONG-TERM MEASURES;

10 (E) DOES THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING PROGRAM PARTNERS, ACHIEVE ITS ANNUAL  
11 PERFORMANCE GOALS;

12 (F) ARE INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS OF SUFFICIENT SCOPE AND QUALITY  
13 CONDUCTED ON A REGULAR BASIS OR AS NEEDED TO SUPPORT PROGRAM IMPROVE-  
14 MENTS AND EVALUATE EFFECTIVENESS AND RELEVANCE TO THE PROBLEM, INTEREST,  
15 OR NEED;

16 (G) ARE BUDGET REQUESTS EXPLICITLY TIED TO ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE ANNU-  
17 AL AND LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE GOALS, AND ARE THE RESOURCE NEEDS PRESENTED  
18 IN A COMPLETE AND TRANSPARENT MANNER IN THE PROGRAM'S BUDGET;

19 (H) DOES THE PROGRAM USE STRONG FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES;

20 (I) HAS THE PROGRAM DEMONSTRATED ADEQUATE PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING ITS  
21 LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE GOALS; AND

22 (J) DOES THE PROGRAM DEMONSTRATE IMPROVED EFFICIENCIES OR COST EFFEC-  
23 TIVENESS IN ACHIEVING PROGRAM GOALS EACH YEAR.

24 4. THE OFFICE SHALL ENSURE THE RESULTS.NY.GOV WEBSITE SHALL ENABLE  
25 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW  
26 TO SAVE TAXPAYER MONEY, HELP ELIMINATE WASTEFUL SPENDING, AND OPERATE  
27 GOVERNMENT MORE EFFICIENTLY AND COST EFFECTIVELY. SUCH SUGGESTIONS SHALL  
28 BE REVIEWED BY THE OFFICE AND DISPLAYED ON THE WEBSITE.

29 S 5. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
30 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
31 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-  
32 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to  
33 be made and completed on or before such effective date.