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Introduced by M. of A. TEDISCO, KOLB, BARCLAY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BUTLER, CALHOUN, CONTE, CROUCH, SAYWARD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to granting the minority leaders of the legislature the right to participate in budget negotiations

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

Section 1. The legislative law is amended by adding a new section 31-a to read as follows:

S 31-A. MINORITY LEADERS TO BE REPRESENTED DURING BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

(A) "BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS" SHALL MEAN ANY FORMAL OR INFORMAL MEETING OR CONFERENCE CONDUCTED BY OR AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OR THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING LEGISLATION TO BE ENACTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET.

(B) "MINORITY LEADERS OF THE LEGISLATURE" SHALL MEAN THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY.

2. THE MINORITY LEADERS OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AS THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY WITH RESPECT TO ATTENDANCE AT, AND PARTICIPATION IN BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE PLACE AND TIME, AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE PRESENT DURING ALL PHASES THEREOF, THE RIGHT TO A COPY OF ALL DOCUMENTATION AND DATA, IF ANY, PRODUCED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND THE RIGHT TO DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVES OR EMISSARIES IF WARRANTED.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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