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Introduced by M. of A. LAVINE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to establishing the state internship database

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

Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 44 to read as follows:

S 44. STATE INTERNSHIP DATABASE. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

(A) "INTERNSHIP" MEANS ANY OFFICIAL OR FORMAL PROGRAM TO PROVIDE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE FOR BEGINNERS IN AN OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION. INTERNSHIPS ARE PAID OR UNPAID POSITIONS.

(B) "OPPORTUNITY" MEANS A JOB LISTING, VACANCY LISTING OR ANY OTHER NOTICE THAT WOULD INDICATE THE AVAILABILITY OF AN INTERNSHIP.

(C) "STATE ENTITY" MEANS ANY UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY AGENCY, BOARD, BUREAU, COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, INSTITUTION, OFFICE, STATE PUBLIC AUTHORITY, STATE TASK FORCE, OR OTHER BODY, OR PARTS THEREOF, AND THE LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

2. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A DATABASE OF INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. SUCH A DATABASE SHALL INCLUDE ALL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY STATE ENTITIES. IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ACCEPT SUBMISSION OF INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FROM LOCAL OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE STATE AND, AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE, FROM PRIVATE EMPLOYERS.

3. ALL STATE ENTITIES MUST INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF ALL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AS THEY ARISE. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH A PROPER MECHANISM FOR SUCH ENTITIES TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF SUCH OPPORTUNITIES.

4. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL MAINTAIN THE DATABASE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE, WHICH DATABASE SHALL BE SEARCHABLE BY EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, REGION AND OTHER CATEGORIES WHICH THE COMMISSIONER MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE.

5. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL UPDATE THE DATABASE REGULARLY AND UPON SUBMISSION OF EACH OPPORTUNITY.

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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