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Introduced by M. of A. CASTELLI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT in relation to requiring a study and report on methods to modernize the communication practices of state, county and local veterans' service agencies and other not-for-profit veterans' organizations in the state; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. 1. The executive director of the New York state foundation for science, technology and innovation, in consultation with the director of the division of veterans' affairs, shall study and issue a comprehensive report on methods to modernize the communication practices of state, county and local veterans' service agencies and other not-for-profit veterans' organizations in the state.

2. Such study and report carried out pursuant to this section shall address the methods which are available and/or which can be developed in order to facilitate communication between state, county and local veterans' agencies or other not-for-profit veterans' organizations and young veterans.

3. Such study and report shall address, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(a) information regarding the development of a cell phone application to address the goals set forth in subdivision two of this section, including the feasibility and the anticipated effectiveness thereof;

(b) information regarding the development of a social network website to address the goals set forth in subdivision two of this section, including the feasibility and the anticipated effectiveness thereof;

(c) information regarding the utilization of existing social network websites to address the goals set forth in subdivision two of this section, including the feasibility and the anticipated effectiveness thereof;

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

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(d) investigation of any other modern communication methods which could be utilized by veterans' organizations in the state for communicating with young veterans; and

(e) any other related observations or recommendations the executive director deems necessary to include.

4. Such report shall be made to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, and the temporary president of the senate no later than January 1, 2013.

5. The executive director of the New York state foundation for science, technology and innovation may request, and is authorized to receive, any information from any state agencies that is relevant and material to the completion of this study and report. Such information received by the New York state foundation for science, technology and innovation shall be subject to the same requirements for confidentiality and limitations on use, if any, as are applicable to such state agency's use of such information.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed April 1, 2013.