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Introduced by M. of A. BRINDISI, MAGEE -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. TENNEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to authorize the New York state urban development corporation to enter into agreements to develop a Cyber Research Institute

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

1 Section 1. Legislative Findings. The legislature finds that the issue
2 of securing networked computer systems is of increasing importance.
3 Governments at all levels, including the military, private businesses,
4 and individuals have increasingly become the targets of cyber attacks
5 which range from theft of privileged or proprietary information to
6 destructive efforts to impede or shut down systems which operate key
7 elements of infrastructure, banking and business transactions, or vital
8 functions of government, to name just a few. The increasing demands
9 posed by this threat create a need for research and development in the
10 area of cyber security in an environment which will allow pursuit of
11 these studies in both an open academic setting and, also, in a secure
12 environment for classified research. The United States Air Force
13 Research Lab at Rome, New York is presently conducting important work at
14 its Information Assurance and Cyber Science Technology Laboratory. It is
15 noted that several private businesses are presently engaged in cyber
16 science work in close proximity to the Air Force Research Lab at Rome at
17 the Griffiss Business and Technology Park, and several New York colleges
18 and universities offer undergraduate and graduate programs in cyber
19 science and security. This combination of resources uniquely positions
20 the state of New York to become a leader in cyber security research and
21 development.

22 S 2. (a) The New York state urban development corporation shall under-
23 take to establish, through public and private partnerships, which shall
24 include the Air Force Research Laboratory at Rome, New York based
25 colleges and universities, private businesses, and not-for-profit enti-
26 ties, a Cyber Research Institute to be located at the Griffiss Business
27 and Technology Park in Rome, New York.

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

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1 (b) The New York state urban development corporation shall work with
2 the collaborating businesses and educational institutions, as well as
3 the Griffiss Local Development Corporation, to ensure that a cooperative
4 working relationship is established between those institutions and
5 potential participants of such research institute so that resources are
6 made available and used in a responsible manner to support the success-
7 ful development of the proposed research institute and the creation of
8 ongoing linkages between the training, research, development, demon-
9 stration and technology transfer resources of the region's higher educa-
10 tion institutions, private sector businesses and the activities located
11 at the Griffiss Business and Technology Park.
12 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.