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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Cities

AN ACT in relation to authorizing and directing certain cities in this state to conduct a study on the preparedness and readiness of such city to react and respond to certain disasters

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

1 Section 1. Every city in this state with a population of ninety-five
2 thousand or more shall, in cooperation with the commissioner and the
3 director, be authorized and directed to conduct a study on the prepared-
4 ness and readiness of such city to react and respond to a disaster,
5 whether natural or man made, affecting that portion of the state's power
6 grid located within such city. In conducting such study, each city
7 shall analyze:

8 1. the ability of such city to maintain vital services throughout such
9 city;

10 2. the ability of hospitals located within such city to provide
11 services to patients, including the transport or evacuation of patients
12 to other facilities;

13 3. the ability to maintain the integrity of computer systems operated
14 by institutions located within such city;

15 4. the sufficiency of backup power generating systems;

16 5. the preparedness and readiness of first responders for immediate
17 deployment to help people in need;

18 6. the preparedness and readiness of law enforcement; and

19 7. any further analysis that the commissioner or the director deems
20 relevant and necessary.

21 S 2. When conducting a study required by section one of this act, each
22 such city shall, as its primary focus, determine those areas in which
23 the ability of such city to react and respond to such a disaster is
24 inefficient, ineffectual or otherwise inadequate.

25 S 3. Each city required to conduct a study pursuant to this act shall
26 submit a report to the governor and the legislature setting forth its

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

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1 analysis and the determinations made as a result of such study within
2 one year of the effective date of this act.

3 S 4. For purposes of this act the term "commissioner" shall mean the
4 commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency services
5 and the term "director" shall mean the director of the office of emer-
6 gency management within such division.

7 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.