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Introduced by Sen. ROBACH -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the New York state urban development corporation act, in relation to providing science, technology, engineering and mathematics grants for the encouragement of women and minorities to pursue careers in technology

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 16-m of section 1 of chapter 174  
2     of the laws of 1968, constituting the New York state urban development  
3     corporation act, is amended by adding a new paragraph (o) to read as  
4     follows:  
5     (O) ASSISTANCE TO ENCOURAGE WOMEN AND MINORITIES TO PURSUE TECHNOLOGY  
6     CAREERS BY PROVIDING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS  
7     (STEM) GRANTS, ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR BOARDS OF  
8     COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR USE IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS,  
9     SHALL NOT INCLUDE SCHOOLS DESIGNATED UNDER ARTICLE FIFTY-SIX OF THE  
10    EDUCATION LAW, TO DEVELOP NEW AND ENHANCE CURRENT STEM PROGRAMS IN  
11    GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE, INCLUDING CAREER EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES,  
12    OPPORTUNITIES FOR TECHNICAL SKILLS ATTAINMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH  
13    POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.  
14    (I) DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSALS AND SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS OF SUCH STEM  
15    GRANTS SHALL BE CARRIED OUT IN COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE  
16    STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.  
17    (II) GRANTS SHALL BE MADE FOR A RECURRENT PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS AT  
18    WHICH TIME THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE STEM  
19    GRANTS BASED ON CRITERIA DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER  
20    OF THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

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1 (1) SUCH CRITERIA SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE NUMBER OF  
2 WOMEN AND MINORITY STUDENTS IN STEM PROGRAMS BEFORE AND AFTER THE GRANT  
3 PERIOD; AND

4 (2) THE PERCENTAGE OF THE NEW STEM STUDENTS WHO HAVE GONE ON TO TWO-  
5 AND FOUR-YEAR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND THE PERCENTAGE  
6 WHO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED FOR A PERIOD NOT LESS THAN TWO YEARS IN MATHEMAT-  
7 ICS, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH RELATED FIELDS AND THE LICENSED  
8 PROFESSIONS.

9 (III) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES SHALL MEAN  
10 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES BUT SHALL  
11 NOT INCLUDE SCHOOLS DESIGNATED UNDER ARTICLE FIFTY-SIX OF THE EDUCATION  
12 LAW.

13 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amend-  
14 ments to subdivision 1 of section 16-m of section 1 of chapter 174 of  
15 the laws of 1968, constituting the New York state urban development  
16 corporation act, made by section one of this act, shall not affect the  
17 expiration of such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith.