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Introduced by Sen. FELDER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to establish a temporary commission on career technical education to examine and assess the feasibility and advisability of establishing a professional trade diploma for completion of a secondary education; 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. A temporary commission on career technical education is hereby established to examine, evaluate and make recommendations concerning the feasibility and advisability of establishing a professional trade diploma to be awarded upon completion of secondary education. Such commission shall review, with particular care, the practicality of establishing such a diploma for students who successfully complete a sequence of career technical education in a particular trade or career so as to qualify such student for employment in such trade or career. In addition, the commission shall provide for the awarding of a professional trade diploma without a student's completion of certain requirements for a regents or local diploma.

S 2. The commission shall be composed of 13 members to be appointed as follows:

(a) 5 members appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be designated by the governor as the chair of the commission;

(b) 2 members appointed by the temporary president of the senate;

(c) 2 members appointed by the speaker of the assembly;

(d) 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

(e) 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the assembly;

(f) 1 member appointed by the chair of the senate education committee; and

(g) 1 member appointed by the chair of the assembly education committee.

Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

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

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S 3. The commission may meet within and without the state, shall hold public hearings and shall have all the powers of a legislative committee pursuant to the legislative law.

S 4. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this act.

S 5. To the maximum extent feasible, the commission shall be entitled to request and receive, and shall utilize such facilities, resources and data of any department, division, bureau, board, commission, district or agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof as it may reasonably request to properly carry out its powers and duties pursuant to this act.

S 6. Within 300 days of the effective date of this act, the commission shall submit a report to the governor and the legislature of its findings, conclusions and recommendations, and shall submit therewith such legislative proposals as it deems necessary to implement its recommendations.

S 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed 1 year after it shall have become a law.