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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 -- recommitted to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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, CHARTER  
8     SCHOOLS, OR BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR USE IN PUBLIC  
9     AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, TO DEVELOP NEW AND ENHANCE CURRENT STEM PROGRAMS IN  
10    GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE, INCLUDING CAREER EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES,  
11    OPPORTUNITIES FOR TECHNICAL SKILLS ATTAINMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH  
12    POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.  
13    (I) DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSALS AND SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS OF SUCH STEM  
14    GRANTS SHALL BE CARRIED OUT IN COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE  
15    STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.  
16    (II) GRANTS SHALL BE MADE FOR A RECURRENT PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS AT  
17    WHICH TIME THE CHAIRPERSON SHALL EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE STEM  
18    GRANTS BASED ON CRITERIA DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER  
19    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 PROVIDE DISADVANTAGED SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR  
2 BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PRIORITY WHEN ALLOCATING THE  
3 GRANTS AUTHORIZED BY THIS PARAGRAPH;

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

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

12 (III) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES SHALL MEAN  
13 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS, OR BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL  
14 SERVICES.

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