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on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the composition  
of the interagency task force on human trafficking and their meetings

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

1     Section 1. Section 483-ee of the social services law, as added by  
2 chapter 74 of the laws of 2007 and subdivision (a) as amended by section  
3 5 of part A-1 of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as  
4 follows:  
5     S 483-ee. Establishment of interagency task force on human traffick-  
6 ing. (a) There is established an interagency task force on trafficking  
7 in persons, which shall consist of the following members or their designees:  
8 (1) the commissioner of the division of criminal justice services;  
9 (2) the commissioner of the office of temporary and disability assistance;  
10 (3) the commissioner of health; (4) the commissioner of the office  
11 of mental health; (5) the commissioner of labor; (6) the commissioner of  
12 the office of children and family services; (7) the commissioner of the  
13 office of alcoholism and substance abuse services; (8) the director of  
14 the office of victim services; (9) the executive director of the office  
15 for the prevention of domestic violence; and (10) the superintendent of  
16 the division of state police; AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, WHO  
17 SHALL BE PROMPTLY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, EACH FOR A TERM OF TWO  
18 YEARS, PROVIDED THAT SUCH PERSON'S MEMBERSHIP SHALL CONTINUE AFTER SUCH  
19 TWO YEAR TERM UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT  
20 A MEMBER MAY BE REAPPOINTED IF AGAIN RECOMMENDED IN THE MANNER SPECIFIED  
21 IN THIS SUBDIVISION: (11) TWO MEMBERS, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED ON THE  
22 RECOMMENDATION OF THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; (12) TWO  
23 MEMBERS, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPEAKER OF  
24 THE ASSEMBLY; (13) TWO MEMBERS, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED ON THE RECOMMEN-  
25 DATION OF THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK STATE THAT  
26 RECEIVES THE LARGEST SHARE OF FUNDS, APPROPRIATED BY AND THROUGH THE  
27 STATE BUDGET, FOR PROVIDING SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS  
28 SHALL BE IDENTIFIED ANNUALLY IN WRITING BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET;

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

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1 AND (14) ONE MEMBER, WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE  
2 PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION; and others as may be  
3 necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities under this  
4 section. The task force will be co-chaired by the commissioners of the  
5 division of criminal justice services and the office of temporary and  
6 disability assistance, or their designees. It shall meet as often as is  
7 necessary, BUT NO LESS THAN THREE TIMES PER YEAR, and under circum-  
8 stances as are appropriate to fulfilling its duties under this section.  
9 ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH WRITTEN NOTICE REASONABLY IN ADVANCE  
10 OF EACH MEETING WITH DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF SUCH MEETING.

11 (b) The task force shall: (1) collect and organize data on the nature  
12 and extent of trafficking in persons in the state; (2) identify avail-  
13 able federal, state and local programs that provide services to victims  
14 of trafficking, including but not limited to case management, housing,  
15 health care, mental health counseling, drug addiction screening and  
16 treatment, language interpretation and translation services, English  
17 language instruction, job training and placement assistance, post-em-  
18 ployment services for job retention, and services to assist the individ-  
19 ual and any of his or her family members to establish a permanent resi-  
20 dence in New York state or the United States; (3) consult with  
21 governmental and non-governmental organizations in developing recommen-  
22 dations to strengthen state and local efforts to prevent trafficking,  
23 protect and assist victims of trafficking and prosecute traffickers; (4)  
24 establish interagency protocols and collaboration between federal,  
25 state, and local law enforcement, state and governmental agencies, child  
26 welfare agencies, and non-governmental organizations; (5) evaluate  
27 approaches to increase public awareness about trafficking and make  
28 recommendations on such approaches; (6) evaluate the effectiveness of  
29 training programs on human trafficking that have been designed for law  
30 enforcement personnel, criminal defense attorneys, social service  
31 providers and non-governmental organizations, and make recommendations  
32 for improving the quality and effectiveness of such programs; [and] (7)  
33 measure and evaluate the progress of the state in preventing traffick-  
34 ing, protecting and providing assistance to victims of trafficking, and  
35 prosecuting persons engaged in trafficking; AND (8) CONVENE ANY SUBCOM-  
36 MITTEE NECESSARY, PROVIDED SUCH SUBCOMMITTEE HAS AT LEAST ONE OF THE  
37 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF  
38 THE SENATE OR GOVERNOR, TO CONSIDER SPECIFIC ISSUES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT  
39 LIMITED TO: FEDERAL, STATE AND/OR LOCAL COOPERATION; JUVENILES AND HUMAN  
40 TRAFFICKING; THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING AND WHO SHOULD RECEIVE SUCH  
41 TRAINING; HOW DATA IS COMPILED AND SHARED; AND SERVICES FOR AND TREAT-  
42 MENT OF DOMESTIC VERSUS FOREIGN BORN VICTIMS.

43 (c) [One year from the effective date of this section, or earlier if  
44 deemed appropriate, the] THE task force shall report to the governor  
45 [and the legislature on these issues], THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE  
46 MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE  
47 AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE NO LESS THAN ANNUALLY, and it  
48 shall [thereafter] ADDITIONALLY issue such reports and recommendations  
49 as it deems necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

50 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
51 the amendments to section 483-ee of the social services law made by  
52 section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and  
53 shall be deemed to be repealed therewith.