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Introduced by M. of A. SEPULVEDA -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT relating to establishing a legislative committee on racial equity
in the New York state assembly

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. a. There is hereby created the legislative committee on
2 racial equity in the New York state assembly. The committee shall
3 provide a racial equity impact assessment on all legislation that is
4 reported favorably to the assembly. The committee shall solicit input
5 from members of the public, especially those individuals with expertise
6 related to racial equity issues, to aid the committee in its work.
7 b. The committee shall consist of the assembly majority leader, assem-
8 bly minority leader, and ten members appointed by the speaker of the
9 assembly who are representative of the racial diversity that exists in
10 New York state. Any vacancies occurring among the members of the commit-
11 tee shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.
12 c. The committee shall (1) prepare a racial equity impact assessment
13 on all legislation that is reported favorably to the assembly to mini-
14 mize unanticipated adverse consequences by utilizing resources that have
15 a: (i) history of expertise and positive outcomes in racial equity; and
16 (ii) a deep understanding of ameliorating disproportionate outcomes and
17 unintended costs; (2) hold a hearing on any matter relating to the func-
18 tions of the committee; (3) identify state policies and actions that, in
19 conjunction with public and private partners and in support of racial
20 equity, can work to achieve conditions of such; (4) review and make
21 recommendations to align state statutes, regulations, programs, services
22 and budgetary priorities; (5) search for any interdepartmental gaps,
23 inconsistencies and inefficiencies in the implementation or attainment
24 of the state policies and actions; (6) identify any new laws, regu-
25 lations, programs, services, and budgetary priorities that are needed to

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

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1 ensure and promote desired conditions of racial equity; (7) serve as an
2 informational resource for the assembly; and (8) perform other activ-
3 ities, including public awareness.
4 d. The committee shall have the same powers as other standing or
5 select committees of the legislature.
6 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.