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Introduced by M. of A. BRINDISI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to establish the higher education task force on the viability of SUNY Polytechnic

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

1 Section 1. Higher education task force on the state university of New
2 York polytechnic institute (SUNY Polytechnic) and its viability. 1.
3 There is hereby established a task force to be known as the higher
4 education task force on the viability of SUNY Polytechnic.

5 2. This task force is hereby created to recommend to the legislature,
6 governor, and the state university of New York trustees strategies on
7 remaining cutting edge within the industry, funding and creation of
8 public-private partnerships, economic development, organizational and
9 leadership needs, as well as the fusion between academia and industry.

10 3. The task force shall consist of nine members, of which:

11 a. Five members shall be appointed by the governor, of which one shall
12 be the chief executive officer of SUNY Polytechnic, one shall be
13 appointed by the temporary president of the senate, one shall be
14 appointed by the speaker of the assembly, one shall be appointed by the
15 minority leader of the senate and one shall be appointed by the minority
16 leader of the assembly.

17 b. Of the nine members appointed, at least four members shall have
18 significant experience and have demonstrated leadership in the private
19 sector, including, but not limited to, experience in high technology
20 and/or nanotechnology and venture capital.

21 c. At least two members shall have significant experience in academia
22 and research, including teaching and researching in the following
23 fields: nanoscience, nanobioscience, nanoengineering or nanoeconomics.

24 d. At least one member shall have significant experience and leader-
25 ship in government, particularly in the area of economic development.

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

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1 e. The remaining two members shall have experience in the private
2 sector, academia, or government, provided that both members shall not
3 have experience in the same sector.

4 f. The chair of the board shall be appointed by the governor from
5 among the private sector members, upon the advice and consent of the
6 senate.

7 g. All other officers of the task force shall be elected from among
8 its members by a majority vote of the task force's voting members.

9 4. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a
10 quorum, and all recommendations, including those in the final report
11 issued by the task force, shall require approval of two-thirds of the
12 total members of the task force.

13 5. The task force shall meet no less than two times a month either in
14 person or through electronic means. The task force must meet in person
15 once every three months.

16 6. The task force shall make recommendations on, but not be limited
17 to:

18 a. SUNY Polytechnic's fulfillment of its public purposes to furthering
19 job creation and economic growth and advances in the field of nanotech-
20 nology;

21 b. facilitating the commercialization of nanoscientific innovations in
22 the state; and

23 c. developing a strategic plan for the implementation of programs
24 aimed at:

25 (i) working with SUNY Polytechnic to further encourage cutting edge
26 academic research in the field of nanotechnology;

27 (ii) facilitating job growth and business expansion in the field of
28 nanotechnology; and

29 (iii) managing and supporting the development of partnerships among
30 academia, government and industry to further advance the field of nano-
31 technology in the state and its various regions.

32 7. The task force shall issue a report to the governor, legislature
33 and state university of New York trustees no later than eighteen months
34 after the final appointment is made to the task force. The report shall
35 consist of findings and recommendations required pursuant to subdivision
36 6 of this section.

37 8. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their
38 services, but shall be allowed the actual and necessary expenses
39 incurred in the performance of their functions hereunder. All members of
40 the task force shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and vacancies
41 shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

42 9. Every agency, department, office, division and public authority of
43 this state shall cooperate with the task force and furnish such informa-
44 tion and assistance as the task force determines is reasonably necessary
45 to accomplish its purpose.

46 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.