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Introduced by M. of A. VANEL, KIM, LENTOL, WOERNER, SIMON, LUPARDO, TITONE, RAIA, MONTESANO, RA, AUBRY, GALEF, WRIGHT, MOSLEY, BARRON, SKOUFIS, PICHARDO, BLAKE, RIVERA, NIOU, WEPRIN, OTIS -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ABINANTI, DE LA ROSA, DenDEKKER, GIGLIO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Banks -- recommitted to the Committee on Banks in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- reported and referred to the Committee on Rules -- ordered to a third reading, passed by Assembly and delivered to the Senate, recalled from the Senate, vote reconsidered, bill amended, ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the special order of third reading

AN ACT to establish the digital currency task force; 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:

- 1 Section 1. The legislature hereby establishes the New York state
- 2 digital currency task force (referred to hereinafter as the "task
- 3 force") to provide the governor and the legislature with information on
- 4 the effects of the widespread use of cryptocurrencies and other forms of
- 5 digital currencies and their ancillary systems in the state.
- 6 § 2. 1. The task force shall consist of nine members as follows:
- 7 a. three members appointed by the governor;
- 8 b. two members appointed by the temporary president of the senate;
- 9 c. two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly;
- 10 d. one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; and
- 11 e. one member appointed by the minority leader of the assembly.
- 12 2. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
- 13 their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses
- 14 incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this act.

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

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1 3. Any vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled
2 in the same manner provided for in the initial appointment.

3 4. The task force may consult with any organization, government enti-
4 ty, or person, in the development of its report required under section
5 three of this act.

6 § 3. On or before December 15, 2020, the task force shall submit to
7 the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of
8 the assembly a report containing, but not limited to, the following
9 information based on available data:

10 a. a review of the digital currency, cryptocurrency and blockchain
11 industries in New York state;

12 b. the number of digital currencies currently being traded and their
13 approximate percentage of market share;

14 c. the number of exchanges operating in New York state and their aver-
15 age monthly trade volume;

16 d. the use of digital currencies' impact on state and local tax
17 receipts;

18 e. the types of investment entities that are large investors in
19 digital currency;

20 f. the energy consumption necessary for coin mining operations and
21 other policy considerations related thereto;

22 g. the transparency of the digital currency marketplace and the
23 related potential of market manipulation and other illegal activities;

24 h. a review of laws and regulations on digital currency used by other
25 states, the federal government, foreign countries, and foreign political
26 and economic unions to regulate the marketplace; and

27 i. legislative and regulatory recommendations, if any, to increase
28 transparency and security, enhance consumer protections, and to address
29 the long term impact related to the use of cryptocurrency.

30 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire December
31 15, 2020 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed
32 repealed.