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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT in relation to the establishment of the New York task force on automation technology; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Legislative findings. The Legislature finds that workplace automation, robotics and artificial intelligence are impacting the state's workforce in an unprecedented fashion. While this influence has created both anxiety and anticipation, its true effects on the health of our economy are largely unknown. Consequently, the legislature finds that there is a pressing need for policymakers to study this phenomena and formulate achievable goals for state government to meet in order to help prepare the state's workplace to succeed in a future where automation technology plays an ever increasing role in shaping the economy and society.

To this end, it is in the public interest to establish a task force that shall study, evaluate and develop recommendations relating to specific actionable measures that address how automation technology will transform the state's economy, education system, and society; and how such technology will impact the State's workforce and influence the State's taxation policy over the coming decades.

§ 2. A fifteen-member New York State Task Force on Automation Technology is hereby established. The task force shall consist of fifteen members with demonstrated expertise in issues relating to the work of the task force, to be appointed as follows:

(a) six members appointed by the governor that should encompass but not be limited to the topic areas of labor, transportation, education and tax policy; one of such members shall serve as chairperson of the task force.

(b) two members appointed by the temporary president of the senate;

(c) two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly;

(d) one member appointed by the senate minority leader;

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

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(e) one member appointed by the assembly minority leader;

(f) one member appointed by the Chancellor of the State University of New York, such member shall be a member of the economics faculty at a State University of New York campus;

(g) one member appointed by the President of AFL-CIO; and

(h) one member appointed by the New York State Business Council

All appointments shall be made no later than the thirtieth day after the effective date of this section. Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in the same manner provided for by the original appointments. The task force shall organize as soon as practicable following the appointment of its members and shall select a vice-chairperson from among the members. The chairperson shall appoint a secretary who shall not be a member of the task force. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

§ 3. The task force shall study, evaluate and develop recommendations relating to specific actionable measures that address how automation technology will transform the state's economy, education system, and society; and how such technology will impact the State's workforce and influence the State's taxation policy of the coming decades.

To the maximum extent feasible, the task force shall be entitled to request and receive, and shall utilize and be provided with such facilities, resources and data of any court, department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the State or any political subdivision thereof as it may reasonably request to properly carry out its powers and duties.

The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly on or before January first, two thousand nineteen.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed 2 years after such date.