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Introduced by M. of A. PERRY, COOK, JAFFEE, GALEF, FINCH, COLTON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CUSICK, KOLB, LENTOL, MAGNARELLI, McDONOUGH, M. G. MILLER, ORTIZ, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to establish the state task force on campus safety; 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:

Section 1. The state task force on campus safety (hereinafter referred to as "the task force") is hereby established. The task force shall conduct and complete a thorough examination and review of the status of safety and emergency preparedness at college campuses and universities and other institutions of learning within New York state; and propose a central operation to coordinate efforts and disseminate information during and immediately following an emergency. A subcommittee of such task force consisting primarily of mental health experts shall develop standard guidelines and procedures for use by campus administration to deal with episodes of mental illness occurring on campus.

§ 2. a. The task force shall consist of eleven members appointed by the governor, as follows: one representing the administration of independent colleges and universities; one representing the administration of SUNY and CUNY campuses; one representative of parents of college students; one representative of college students; one representative each of faculty from the independent and SUNY/CUNY campuses; one representative of law enforcement; one representative of public safety or security experts; one representative from a recognized psychologist association; one representative from mental health advocacy groups; and one person to chair the task force. Six members of the task force shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the task force.

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

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b. No member, officer or employee of the task force shall be disqualified from holding any other public office or employment, nor shall he or she forfeit any such office or employment by reason of his or her appointment pursuant to this act, notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local law, ordinance or city charter.

c. 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 pursuant to this act.

§ 3. Additionally, all other departments or agencies of the state or subdivisions thereof, and local governments shall, at the request of the chair, provide the task force such facilities, assistance, and data as will enable the task force to carry out its powers and duties.

§ 4. The task force may meet and hold public and/or private hearings within the regions of the state, and shall have all the powers of an executive body pursuant to the executive law.

§ 5. The task force shall make a report of its findings to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly, within six months of the date of the task force's first meeting. Such report shall include recommendations for further action and legislation.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall continue in full force and effect until the thirty-first day of December in the year next succeeding the year in which it shall have become a law, when upon such date the provisions of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed.