STATE OF NEW YORK

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

AN ACT in relation to establishing the Thomas A. Constantine Institute for the study of transnational organized crime within the state university of New York and making an appropriation therefor

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

Section 1. This legislation establishes the Thomas A. Constantine Institute for the Study of Transnational Organized Crime within the state university of New York. Inspired by Mr. Constantine's extraordinary career achievements and the international respect he has earned in the field of public security, this entity will provide a focus for research and deliberation on the control of these phenomena and for public education about their manifestations. Its ultimate goal is to provide a valuable and practical resource for the world's law enforcement agencies, governments and the international business community.

§ 2. There is hereby established within the state university of New York the Thomas A. Constantine Institute for the Study of Transnational Organized Crime. Such institute shall organize conferences and seminars, develop training programs for law enforcement officers, sponsor and promote research, publish its proceedings and maintain a library. The chancellor and trustees of the state university shall appoint a person well qualified by education and experience to administer such institute. Such institute shall be authorized to establish a development program to build its own endowment.

§ 3. The sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the state university of New York from any monies in the state treasury in the general fund for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such sum shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the state comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of taxation and

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

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finance, or his duly designated representative in the manner provided by law. No expenditure shall be made from this appropriation until a certificate of approval of availability shall have been issued by the director of the budget and filed with the state comptroller and a copy filed with the chairman of the state senate finance committee and the chairman of the assembly ways and means committee. Such budget and a copy of each such amendment shall be filed with the state comptroller, the chairman of the state senate finance committee and the chairman of the assembly ways and means committee.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.