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PO, HOOPER, BRINDISI, WRIGHT -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK --
read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, the education law and the economic
development law, in relation to establishing an international division
within the department of state

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

1 Section 1. Section 92 of the executive law is amended and a new
2 section 110 is added to read as follows:

3 § 92. Deputies. The secretary of state shall appoint a deputy, who may
4 perform all the duties of the secretary of state. Any such deputy shall
5 receive an annual salary to be fixed by the secretary of state within
6 the amount appropriated therefor. The secretary of state may also
7 appoint and fix the compensation of such other deputies, assistants and
8 employees as he or she shall deem necessary, and including a director of
9 the international division, as established by section one hundred ten of
10 this article, within the amount appropriated therefor and prescribe
11 their powers and duties.

12 § 110. International division. 1. There is established an interna-
13 tional division within the department of state. The secretary of state
14 shall provide for the establishment and operation of such division, and
15 shall appoint a director to supervise the operation of such division and
16 its employees.

17 2. The international division shall solicit, establish and maintain
18 sister state relationships between the state of New York and states in
19 other countries. For each of this state's international sister states,
20 the international division shall act as the conduit between the governor
21 and the chief executive officer of each sister state.

22 3. The international sister state program shall, in cooperation with
23 the department of economic development for the purposes of implementing

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

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1 article ten of the economic development law, establish an active network
2 to operate a clearinghouse for information resources between this state
3 and each sister state. The network shall be designed to promote interna-
4 tional exchanges of commerce, education and culture.

5 4. The international division shall assist and work in cooperation
6 with the international program of the state university of New York to
7 establish, facilitate and maintain the exchange of students and faculty
8 of the colleges and universities of the state university with the
9 colleges and universities of sister states.

10 5. The international division may establish international sister state
11 relationships upon its own initiative or upon request of any individual
12 or entity.

13 § 2. Section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new
14 subdivision 20 to read as follows:

15 20. The state university trustees shall work in cooperation with the
16 international division of the department of state to establish, facili-
17 tate and maintain the exchange of students and faculty of state-operated
18 institutions with colleges and universities of the state's sister
19 states.

20 § 3. The economic development law is amended by adding a new section
21 226 to read as follows:

22 § 226. Cooperation with international division. The provisions of this
23 article shall be implemented by the commissioner and the department in
24 consultation and cooperation with the international division of the
25 department of state.

26 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.