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

AN ACT to establish the higher education task force on the viability of SUNY Polytechnic

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

Section 1. Higher education task force on the state university of New York polytechnic institute (SUNY Polytechnic) and its viability. 1. There is hereby established a task force to be known as the higher education task force on the viability of SUNY Polytechnic.

2. This task force is hereby created to recommend to the legislature, governor, and the state university of New York trustees strategies on remaining cutting edge within the industry, funding and creation of public-private partnerships, economic development, organizational and leadership needs, as well as the fusion between academia and industry.

3. The task force shall consist of nine members, of which:

a. Five members shall be appointed by the governor, of which one shall be the chief executive officer of SUNY Polytechnic, one shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate, one shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly, one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate and one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly.

b. Of the nine members appointed, at least four members shall have significant experience and have demonstrated leadership in the private sector, including, but not limited to, experience in high technology and/or nanotechnology and venture capital.

c. At least two members shall have significant experience in academia and research, including teaching and researching in the following fields: nanoscience, nanobioscience, nanoengineering or nanoeconomics.

d. At least one member shall have significant experience and leadership in government, particularly in the area of economic development.

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

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e. The remaining two members shall have experience in the private sector, academia, or government, provided that both members shall not have experience in the same sector.

f. The chair of the board shall be appointed by the governor from among the private sector members, upon the advice and consent of the senate.

g. All other officers of the task force shall be elected from among its members by a majority vote of the task force's voting members.

4. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum, and all recommendations, including those in the final report issued by the task force, shall require approval of two-thirds of the total members of the task force.

5. The task force shall meet no less than two times a month either in person or through electronic means. The task force must meet in person once every three months.

6. The task force shall make recommendations on, but not be limited to:

a. SUNY Polytechnic's fulfillment of its public purposes to furthering job creation and economic growth and advances in the field of nanotechnology;

b. facilitating the commercialization of nanoscientific innovations in the state; and

c. developing a strategic plan for the implementation of programs aimed at:

(i) working with SUNY Polytechnic to further encourage cutting edge academic research in the field of nanotechnology;

(ii) facilitating job growth and business expansion in the field of nanotechnology; and

(iii) managing and supporting the development of partnerships among academia, government and industry to further advance the field of nanotechnology in the state and its various regions.

7. The task force shall issue a report to the governor, legislature and state university of New York trustees no later than eighteen months after the final appointment is made to the task force. The report shall consist of findings and recommendations required pursuant to subdivision 6 of this section.

8. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their functions hereunder. All members of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

9. Every agency, department, office, division and public authority of this state shall cooperate with the task force and furnish such information and assistance as the task force determines is reasonably necessary to accomplish its purpose.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.