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Introduced by Sen. DIAZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to establish an aggregation, storage and distribution of foods produced by local farms to regional schools pilot program

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

Section 1. The office of general services in consultation with the department of agriculture and markets and the department of education shall implement a one year pilot program that utilizes space within at least one warehouse currently dedicated to storing and distributing foods supplied by the United States Department of Agriculture through the National School Lunch Program for the purpose of aggregating, storing and distributing foods produced by local farms to regional schools and other interested entities.

§ 2. The office of general services in consultation with the department of agriculture and markets and the department of education shall facilitate the contracting for sale of foods between participating local producers and the schools and entities serviced by the participating warehouses.

§ 3. At the conclusion of the pilot program, the office of general services in consultation with the department of agriculture and markets and the department of education shall assess the program and submit a report to the legislature and the governor and post such report publicly on such office's website. The report shall include, but not be limited to, identification of the participating local producers, schools and other entities, and the levels and varieties of goods purchased through the pilot program.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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