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Introduced by Sens. KAMINSKY, CARLUCCI, KAPLAN, METZGER, SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations -- recommitted to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to establish a task force to explore the effects of cyber-bullying in New York state and potential measures to address such effects

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

Section 1. A task force is hereby established to conduct a comprehensive study on the effects of, and potential methods to address, cyber-bullying. The scope of such study shall include:

a. identifying the most common victims of cyber-bullying by age, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation or any other identifying characteristic the members of the task force deem relevant;

b. determining the most common mediums used in cases of cyber-bullying, including but not limited to, text messages, websites, and social media;

c. identifying the social and psychological effects of cyber-bullying on individuals;

d. making recommendations, based upon the findings of the task force, on the prevention of cyber-bullying;

e. identifying ways in which the state can assist children who have been victims of cyber-bullying;

f. measures other states or legislative bodies have taken to address cyber-bullying; and

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

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g. drafting model regulations that may be promulgated by the state to address cyber-bullying.

§ 2. a. The task force shall consist of nine members to be appointed as follows:

(1) five members appointed by the governor;

(2) two members appointed by the temporary president of the senate; and

(3) two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly.

b. The governor shall designate one of the appointees as the chair of the task force.

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.

d. All appointments shall be made no later than thirty days after the effective date of this act. All vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority.

§ 3. The task force shall report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the governor, temporary president of the senate, and speaker of the assembly within one year after the effective date of this act.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.