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## IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to establish a task force on educator diversity in New York  
state; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration  
thereof

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

1 Section 1. Task force on educator diversity in New York state. There  
2 is hereby established a task force on educator diversity in New York  
3 state. The purpose of the task force shall be to conduct a comprehensive  
4 study on the presence of educator diversity, state actions taken to  
5 promote educator diversity in New York state, and how New York state can  
6 encourage new initiatives to enhance and promote educator diversity,  
7 including but not limited to:

8 (a) barriers which prevent students of color from entering the teach-  
9 ing profession, or remaining in the teaching profession;

10 (b) recruitment and retention efforts;

11 (c) mentorship programs for current educators of color;

12 (d) initiatives aimed at encouraging students of color to enter the  
13 teaching profession, also known as 'grow your own' initiatives;

14 (e) scholarship opportunities for students of color who are interested  
15 in entering the teaching profession; and

16 (f) initiatives that encourage teachers of color to become school  
17 leaders and administrators.

18 § 2. a. The task force shall consist of thirteen members to be  
19 appointed as follows: (i) five people appointed by the governor; (ii)  
20 four people appointed by the temporary president of the senate; and  
21 (iii) four people appointed by the speaker of the assembly.

22 b. The members of the task force shall designate one of the appointees  
23 as the chair of the task force. All appointments of members of the task  
24 force shall be made no later than thirty days after the effective date

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

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1 of this act. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.  
2 The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their  
3 services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses  
4 incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this act.

5 § 3. The task force shall make a report to the governor and legisla-  
6 ture of its findings, conclusions and recommendations on or before  
7 December 31, 2020.

8 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire and be  
9 deemed repealed January 31, 2021.