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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. THOMAS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. RAYNOR -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT directing the division of criminal justice services to study the state of the police department in the village of Hempstead and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Legislative findings. It is of the utmost importance that the various police departments of this state engage in modern, effective policing to ensure the safety of our communities. Police departments must be free of corruption and engaging in best practices in order to carry out their vital charge. After a recent spate of charges of corruption among the leadership of the police department of the village of Hempstead, Nassau County, and after a recent conviction thereof, the legislature finds that it is in the interests of the state to ensure that the police department of this village is properly ensuring public safety.

§ 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the division of criminal justice services shall, within thirty days of the effective date of this act, undertake a study in consultation with the comptroller of the state of New York, regarding the policies, practices and finances of the police department of the village of Hempstead, Nassau County, and regarding the state of public safety in the village of Hempstead. The police department shall provide, and the division of criminal justice services and the comptroller shall review, any and all documents, including but not limited to records, financial statements and written policies regarding policing and the state of the police department in the village of Hempstead.

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

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§ 3. The division of criminal justice services shall conduct at least one hearing in the village of Hempstead regarding public safety and the state of the police department. The division of criminal justice services shall take any written testimony as it deems necessary in order to aid such study, and shall take all other steps necessary to provide a thorough analysis of all issues described in this act.

§ 4. The division of criminal justice services, in consultation with the comptroller, shall issue its final report no later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this act. The division of criminal justice services shall issue its final report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the chair of the senate committee on codes and the assembly committee on codes, and post a copy of such report on its website.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed one year after the date on which this act shall have become law.