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Introduced by M. of A. PICHARDO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT relating to establishing a legislative committee on racial equity in the New York state senate

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

1 Section 1. a. There is hereby created the legislative committee on
2 racial equity in the New York state senate. The committee shall provide
3 a racial equity impact assessment on all legislation that is reported
4 favorably to the senate. The committee shall solicit input from members
5 of the public, especially those individuals with expertise related to
6 racial equity issues, to aid the committee in its work.

7 b. The committee shall consist of the senate majority leader, senate
8 minority leader, and ten members appointed by the temporary president of
9 the senate who are representative of the racial diversity that exists in
10 New York state. Any vacancies occurring among the members of the committee shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

11 c. The committee shall (1) prepare a racial equity impact assessment
12 on all legislation that is reported favorably to the senate to minimize
13 unanticipated adverse consequences by utilizing resources that have a:
14 (i) history of expertise and positive outcomes in racial equity; and
15 (ii) a deep understanding of ameliorating disproportionate outcomes and
16 unintended costs; (2) hold a hearing on any matter relating to the functions of the committee; (3) identify state policies and actions that, in
17 conjunction with public and private partners and in support of racial
18 equity, can work to achieve conditions of such; (4) review and make
19 recommendations to align state statutes, regulations, programs, services
20 and budgetary priorities; (5) search for any interdepartmental gaps,
21 inconsistencies and inefficiencies in the implementation or attainment
22 of the state policies and actions; (6) identify any new laws, regulations, programs, services, and budgetary priorities that are needed to

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

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1 ensure and promote desired conditions of racial equity; (7) serve as an
2 informational resource for the senate; and (8) perform other activities,
3 including public awareness.
4 d. The committee shall have the same powers as other standing or
5 select committees of the legislature.
6 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.