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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to establish a commission to study how to make schools in New York safer from school shootings and bombers; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. A commission, to be known as the make our schools safer commission, is hereby created to study the effectiveness of different technologies on reducing casualties in a school shooter or bomber event including, but not limited to, bulletproof glass and doors, auto locking technologies, lockdown systems and barricades. The commission shall also study the feasibility and cost to implement such technology in schools.

§ 2. The commission shall be composed of ten members, appointed as follows: two members shall be appointed by the governor; two members shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly; two members shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly; two members shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate; and two members shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate. The commission shall be chaired by a person chosen by a majority vote at the first meeting of the commission. The vice-chairperson of the commission shall be appointed by the chairperson. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

§ 3. The commission shall be made up of at least one member of law enforcement who specializes in school shooting and bombing events, at least one teacher, at least one parent of a student at a New York public school, at least one school administrator, at least one engineer who specializes in technologies to be studied by the commission and at least one engineer who specializes in schools.

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

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§ 4. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder. To the maximum extent feasible, the commission shall be entitled to request and receive and shall utilize and be provided with such facilities, resources, and data of any court, department, division, board, bureau, commission, or agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof as it deems necessary or desirable to carry out properly its powers and duties hereunder.

§ 5. For the accomplishment of its purposes, the commission shall be authorized and empowered to undertake any studies, inquiries, surveys or analyses it may deem relevant in cooperation with or by agreement with any other public or private agency. The commission shall meet and hold public hearings or private meetings within or without the state, and shall have all the powers of a legislative committee pursuant to the legislative law.

§ 6. The commission shall report its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the governor and the legislature no later than one year after the effective date of this act.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until two years after it shall have become a law when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed.