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Introduced by Sen. KAMINSKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

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:

1 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 (1) three members appointed by the governor;

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

12 and

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

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

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

4 c. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
5 their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses
6 incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this act.

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

10 § 3. The task force shall report its findings, conclusions, and recom-
11 mendations to the governor, temporary president of the senate, and
12 speaker of the assembly within one hundred eighty days after the effec-
13 tive date of this act and annually thereafter for the following three
14 years.

15 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.