STATE OF NEW YORK

7014

IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

January 8, 2020

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

AN ACT to establish a 4-H agriculture technology challenge

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

Section 1. There is hereby established a 4-H agriculture technology challenge. Such challenge shall be administered by the department of agriculture and markets in conjunction with local Cornell cooperative extension associations and local FIRST robotics programs. The department of agriculture and markets shall work with local Cornell cooperative extension associations to establish a challenge to engage students in rural communities to develop solutions to relevant technological problems faced by farmers and food producers. Such relevant problems may include, but not be limited to, increasing food production while also addressing the environmental impact of such increase. The department of agriculture and markets shall establish a planning team to train local coaches to assist students in rural communities to participate in the challenge. Such planning team shall develop deadlines, parameters, and relevant judging criteria for the submission for the agriculture technology challenge. Subject to relevant appropriations, the planning team shall establish prizes to be awarded to the winning submissions for the agriculture technology challenge.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

LBD13706-02-9