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Introduced by M. of A. ROZIC, ABBATE, COLTON, COOK, GALEF, GOTTFRIED, JEAN-PIERRE, OTIS, GRIFFIN -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ENGLE-BRIGHT, HYNDMAN, PERRY, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to creation of security measures for the transportation facilities of the metropolitan transportation authority

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (q) of subdivision 2 of section 709 of the executive law, as amended by section 14 of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

2 (q) request from any department, division, office, commission or other
3 agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof, or any public
4 authority or public benefit corporation, and the same are authorized to
5 provide, such assistance, services and data as may be required by the
6 division of homeland security and emergency services in carrying out the
7 purposes of this article, subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations;
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11 § 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 719 to read
12 as follows:

13 § 719. Protection of critical infrastructure; metropolitan transportation
14 authority facilities. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of
15 law, the director of the office of homeland security and emergency
16 services shall conduct a review and analysis of measures being taken by
17 the metropolitan transportation authority and any other agency or
18 authority of the state or any political subdivision thereof and, to the
19 extent practicable, of any federal entity, to protect the security of
20 critical infrastructure related to the transportation facilities, which
21 shall include those facilities set forth in subdivision seventeen of

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

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1 section twelve hundred sixty-one of the public authorities law and shall
2 also include, for purposes of this section, bridges and tunnels of the
3 metropolitan transportation authority and of all subsidiaries of such
4 authority. The director of the office of homeland security and emergen-
5 cy services shall have the authority to review any audits or reports
6 related to the security of such critical infrastructure, including
7 audits or reports conducted at the request of the metropolitan transpor-
8 tation authority or any other agency or authority of the state or any
9 political subdivision thereof or, to the extent practicable, of any
10 federal entity. The operators of such transportation facilities shall,
11 in compliance with any federal and state requirements regarding the
12 dissemination of such information, provide access to the director of the
13 office of homeland security and emergency services to such audits or
14 reports regarding such critical infrastructure provided, however, that
15 exclusive custody and control of such audits and reports shall remain
16 solely with the operators of such transportation facilities. For the
17 purposes of this article, the term "critical infrastructure" has the
18 meaning ascribed to that term in subdivision five of section eighty-six
19 of the public officers law.

20 2. (a) On or before December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-three,
21 and not later than three years after such date, and every five years
22 thereafter, the director of the office of homeland security and emergen-
23 cy services shall report to the governor, the temporary president of the
24 senate, the speaker of the assembly and the board of any such affected
25 transportation authority. Such report shall review the security meas-
26 ures being taken regarding critical infrastructure related to transpor-
27 tation facilities, as defined in subdivision seventeen of section twelve
28 hundred sixty-one of the public authorities law, assess the effective-
29 ness thereof, and include recommendations to the legislature or the
30 metropolitan transportation authority, if the director of the office of
31 homeland security and emergency services determines that additional
32 measures are required to be implemented, considering among other
33 factors, the unique characteristics of each transportation facility. On
34 or before April thirtieth, two thousand twenty-three, the director of
35 the office of homeland security and emergency services shall make a
36 preliminary report to the governor, the temporary president of the
37 senate, the speaker of the assembly and the board of any such affected
38 transportation authority.

39 (b) Before the receipt of such report identified in paragraph (a) of
40 this subdivision, each recipient of such report shall develop confiden-
41 tiality protocols, which shall be binding upon the recipient who issues
42 the protocols and anyone to whom the recipient shows a copy of the
43 report, in consultation with the director of the office of homeland
44 security and emergency services for the maintenance and use of such
45 report so as to ensure the confidentiality of the report and all infor-
46 mation contained therein, provided, however, that such protocols shall
47 not be binding upon a person who is provided access to such report or
48 any information contained therein pursuant to section eighty-nine of the
49 public officers law after a final determination that access to such
50 report or any information contained therein could not be denied pursuant
51 to subdivision two of section eighty-seven of the public officers law.
52 The director of the office of homeland security and emergency services
53 shall also develop protocols for his or her office related to the main-
54 tenance and use of such report so as to ensure the confidentiality of
55 the report and all information contained therein. On each report, the
56 director of the office of homeland security and emergency services shall

1 prominently display the following statement: "this report may contain
2 information that if disclosed could endanger the life or safety of the
3 public, and therefore, pursuant to section seven hundred ten of the
4 executive law, this report is to be maintained and used in a manner
5 consistent with protocols established to preserve the confidentiality of
6 the information contained herein in a manner consistent with law".

7 (c) The metropolitan transportation authority shall have the
8 discretion to require that the recommendations of the director of the
9 office of homeland security and emergency services be implemented by any
10 operator of a transportation facility.

11 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
12 have have become a law.