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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, MAGNARELLI, LUPARDO, GALEF -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK, GLICK, GUNTHER, PERRY, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to information on state boards

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 100-b
2 to read as follows:

3 § 100-b. Information on state boards. 1. As used in this section
4 "board" means any board, commission, committee, council, task force or
5 any similar state public organization, required to be established pursu-
6 ant to state statutes or executive order, for the exercise of any func-
7 tion of state government and to which members are appointed or elected.
8 "Board" does not include:

9 a. any informal advisory organization established exclusively by a
10 state agency to advise the commissioner, secretary, or director of that
11 agency on an informal basis;

12 b. any joint standing committee of the legislature or any committee of
13 the assembly and/or senate composed entirely of members of the legisla-
14 ture;

15 c. any court;

16 d. the board of trustees of any institution of higher education finan-
17 cially supported in whole or in part by the state;

18 e. any entity of local government;

19 f. any public authority or public benefit corporation, a majority of
20 whose members are appointed by the governor or serve as members by
21 virtue of holding state offices to which they were appointed by the
22 governor, or any combination thereof; and

23 g. any board of elections.

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

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1 2. The secretary of state shall maintain a compilation of the member-
2 ship and meeting information of all state boards, including state boards
3 established after the effective date of this section. The secretary of
4 state must keep such inventory in a public record available for
5 inspection, and updated annually on the department of state website.
6 Such compilation shall include, but not be limited to:

7 a. statutory language, executive order or other legal basis for the
8 establishment of such board;

9 b. public information including departmental affiliation, contact
10 address, phone number, and website;

11 c. a brief description of the purpose of the board and its statutorily
12 required duties, including required reports or other products;

13 d. the size of board membership, current member names, and any quali-
14 fications;

15 e. whether members of a board are eligible for payment of expenses or
16 other compensation in the performance of their duties as members of that
17 board;

18 f. dates and locations of all meetings held, and to be held within six
19 months; and

20 g. any other information the secretary of state may require.

21 3. The secretary of state shall update on an annual basis beginning
22 April first, two thousand twenty-three on the department of state
23 website, all vacancies, expired terms, those terms expiring within one
24 year, and the process for filling such vacancies on such boards.

25 4. Each board or the state agency that provides administrative support
26 or is otherwise affiliated with a board shall annually on or before
27 January first, submit to the secretary of state all information pursuant
28 to this section in a manner specified by the secretary of state to
29 facilitate the publication requirements of this section. Each
30 submission shall also include information on compensation and expenses
31 incurred in the prior and current fiscal years, as well as projected
32 costs for the coming fiscal year.

33 5. The secretary of state shall receive from any department, division,
34 board, bureau, commission or other agency of the state any information
35 and resources as will enable him or her to properly carry out the
36 purposes of this section.

37 6. On or before June first, two thousand twenty-three, the secretary
38 of state shall report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the
39 temporary president of the senate, the chair of the assembly oversight,
40 analysis and investigation committee and the chair of the senate inves-
41 tigations and government operations committee on the status of the
42 inventory including but not limited to the number of boards reported and
43 verified; and the content and completeness of the information gathered
44 in accordance with the requirements of this section. The secretary shall
45 also report on any impediments to obtaining information.

46 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding
47 the date on which it shall have become a law.