

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BARRETT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT in relation to conducting a study of public and private museums in New York state

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

1 Section 1. The department of economic development, in conjunction with  
2 the empire state development corporation, the department of education,  
3 the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation, the department  
4 of environmental conservation, the department of state, and the New  
5 York state council on the arts, is hereby directed to conduct a comprehensive  
6 study on public and private museums in the state. Such study  
7 shall include, but not be limited to:

8 1. taking a census of public and private museums in the state, including  
9 information on the size, hours of operation, visitor statistics,  
10 funding sources and amounts, and the subjects of the museums'  
11 collections, of the many museums throughout the state.

12 2. identifying the benefits, shortfalls and consequences of the  
13 different sources of support museums receive publicly and those they  
14 must find privately.

15 3. providing information and recommendations so as to inform the  
16 legislature of the adequacy of public and private sources of the funding  
17 for museums in the state and to serve current and future funding needs,  
18 recommend systems of support to best ensure equitable distribution of  
19 such funds, regardless of discipline, budget size, or location, and the  
20 continued accessibility and availability of museums promoting a general  
21 interest in cultural and historical topics, fine arts, physical and  
22 natural sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics, and to determine  
23 the feasibility of a single reporting system that includes active  
24 oversight.

25 § 2. A report of the findings of such study, recommendations, and any  
26 proposed legislation necessary to implement such recommendations shall  
27 be filed with the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and  
28 the speaker of the assembly within one year after the effective date of  
29 this act.

30 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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