STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CRUZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT creating "The Commission to Study the Impact of Automation and Artificial Intelligence on the New York Labor Force"; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. A state commission, to be known as The Commission to Study the Impact of Automation and Artificial Intelligence on the New York Labor Force (hereinafter "commission"), is hereby created within and staffed by the department of labor to study and make determinations on issues including but not limited to:

(a) current law within this state addressing automation and artificial intelligence;

(b) comparative state policies that have aided in creating a regulatory structure for automation and artificial intelligence, and whether such measures would be similarly effective in this state;

(c) the impact of the growing rate of deployment of automation and artificial intelligence on jobs, employment, unemployment and permanent displacement of workers;

(d) the impact of automation and artificial intelligence on wages, job opportunities for workers entering the labor market and older workers broken down by employment sector, age of group, gender, race, ethnicity and geographic location;

(e) the overall impact of the use of automation and artificial intelligence on permanent worker displacement and the role the state's worker training and education programs in higher learning must undertake to ensure displaced workers are retrained if possible;

(f) the impact of permanent displacement of workers by automation and artificial intelligence on the New York economy and social services safety net; and

(g) the impact of modifying the corporate tax structure to implement an automation and artificial intelligence tax that will fund the social and economic needs of permanently displaced workers.

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

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§ 2. The commission shall work in collaboration with stakeholders in workforce development in the state university of New York, the City University of New York and the department of education as well as representatives of the business sector.

§ 3. The commission shall consist of eleven members to be appointed as follows: five shall be appointed by the governor; two shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate and one by the minority leader of the senate; and two shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly and one by the minority leader of the assembly. The members of the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the official making the appointment of such member. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments. Membership on the commission shall not constitute a public office. The chairperson shall be the commissioner of labor or his or her delegate and a vice-chairperson of the commission shall be elected by a majority of its members, all members being present. The members of the commission shall be selected and the commissioner shall have elected a vice-chairperson no later than the ninetieth day after the effective date of this act.

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

§ 5. The commission may conduct any hearings or take any written testimony as it deems necessary, and shall take all other steps necessary to provide a thorough analysis of all issues related to the provisions listed in section one of this act.

§ 6. The commission shall issue a final report no later than one year after the effective date of this act with recommendations on how New York should prepare for workplace and workforce disruptions caused by the increasing rate of deployment of artificial intelligence and automation. The commission shall issue its report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, and the minority leader of the senate.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed 2 years after such effective date.