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AN ACT to establish the general aviation task force to study measures that may be implemented to improve general aviation operations in the state of New York

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

Section 1. The general aviation task force is hereby established to conduct a study on measures that may improve general aviation in the state of New York. For purposes of this act, "general aviation" shall mean all civil aviation operations other than scheduled passenger airline operations. The scope of study shall include:

a. how laws and regulations created by the state of New York, including regulations promulgated by the department of transportation, impact investment in general aviation operations within the state;

b. how regulatory agencies outside the state of New York, such as the Federal Aviation Administration and the International Civil Aviation Organization, impact investment in general aviation operations within the state;

c. the effect of airport improvement and revitalization projects on investment in general aviation operations within the state;

d. an analysis of the tax burden imposed on general aviation entities within the state as opposed to other states and its impact on investment in general aviation services; and

e. measures other states or countries have taken to incentivize investment in general aviation services.

§ 2. a. The task force shall consist of eleven members to be appointed as follows:

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

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(1) three members appointed by the governor, provided that the appointees shall have experience in one or or more of the following areas: air transportation or civil aviation, public administration, business management, finance, accounting, law, engineering, land use, urban and regional planning, management of large capital projects, or labor relations;

(2) two members appointed by the temporary president of the senate;

(3) two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly;

(4) two members appointed by the commissioner of the department of transportation;

(5) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; and

(6) one member appointed by the minority leader of the assembly.

b. A majority of the total appointees of the task force shall select the chair from among the appointees to the task force then in office.

c. The members of the task force 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.

d. All appointments shall be made no later than thirty days after the effective date of this act. All vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority.

e. The task force may request and shall receive from any department, division, board, bureau, commission or other agency of the state or any state public authority such assistance, information and data as will enable the task force to properly carry out its powers and duties.

f. The task force shall be authorized to hold public hearings and meetings, and to consult with any organization, educational institution, or other government entity or person, to enable it to accomplish its duties.

§ 3. The task force shall report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the governor, temporary president of the senate, and speaker of the assembly and such report shall be posted on the department of transportation's public-facing website within one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this act.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.