AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to establishing the New York state advisory council on coronavirus economic recovery and workforce development; 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. The economic development law is amended by adding a new article 23 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 23
NEW YORK STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CORONAVIRUS ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Section 455. New York state advisory council on coronavirus economic recovery and workforce development. 1. There is hereby created within the department the New York state advisory council on coronavirus economic recovery and workforce development for advising the department as

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

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provided in this section. The council shall concentrate both on corona-

virus economic recovery as well as issues impacting business post recov-

ery.

2. (a) The council shall consist of sixteen members: three members

appointed by the temporary president of the senate, three members

appointed by the speaker of the assembly, one member appointed by the

minority leader of the senate, one member appointed by the minority

leader of the assembly, and the eight remaining members appointed by the

governor, at least two of which shall be small business owners in the

state who employ fifty or less employees.

(b) The appointed council members shall represent various geographic

areas of the state and shall be knowledgeable in at least one of the

following areas:

(i) business;

(ii) education;

(iii) workforce development; or

(iv) public-private partnerships for economic recovery.

3. The council shall make recommendations to the commissioner on

certain subjects including, but not limited to:

(a) opportunities for collaboration between employers and educational

institutions;

(b) strategies to address any skills gaps;

(c) strategies to create sustainable pathways into careers; and

(d) strategies for workplace learning and skills application.

4. The council shall meet as frequently as its business may require,

but not less than twice a year. The presence of a majority of the

members shall constitute a quorum. The members of the council shall

receive no compensation for their services as members.

5. The commissioner, upon request of the council, shall designate an

officer or employee of the office to act as secretary of the council and

shall assign from time to time such other employees as the council may

require.

6. The council shall develop and submit a report to the governor, the

speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, the

chair of the senate committee on commerce, economic development, and

small business, the ranking minority member of the senate committee on

commerce, economic development and small business, the chair of the

assembly committee on economic development, job creation, commerce and

industry and the ranking minority member of the assembly committee on

economic development, job creation, commerce and industry no later than

one year from the effective date of this act and annually thereafter.

Such report shall include recommendations required by this section and

recommendations to effectively implement any initiative identified by

the council.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be

deemed repealed four years after it shall have become a law.