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AN ACT to establish the JFK Innovation Center

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding another section of law, there shall be established a JFK Innovation Center, hereinafter referred to as the "center". Such center shall be a public-private partnership between a New York state agency or agencies and a private-sector company or companies to launch SmartCities and CleanTech innovations. Such center shall be located near the JFK International Airport in the borough of Queens. The center shall assist new and startup companies develop by testing clean technology, automation, robotics, data analytics, smart infrastructure management, and other technologies.

§ 2. Such activities and goals of the center shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(a) providing capital awards to startups based on their ability to address critical issues, such as airport efficiency and security, coastal flooding, sustainable living, and mass transportation;

(b) creating a culture of diversity and inclusivity for people of different races, women, and other minorities;

(c) allowing companies to pilot their own inventions and research and development facilities on premises and/or on adjoining satellite offices built by such center; and

(d) creating jobs and promoting economic development.

§ 3. For purposes of this act the terms:

(a) "SmartCities" means urban areas that use different types of electronic sensors to collect data and use such data to manage assets and resources efficiently.

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

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(b) "CleanTech" means any process, product, or service that reduces negative environmental impacts through significant energy efficiency improvements, the sustainable use of resources, or environmental protection activities.

(c) "Business incubator" means a company that helps new and startup companies develop.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.