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AN ACT directing the department of homeland security and emergency services to conduct a study on domestic terrorism within the state and to make recommendations to address such terrorism; 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:

1 Section 1. For the purposes of this study "domestic terrorism" shall
2 mean the commission, or possible commission, of acts covered under arti-
3 cle 490 of the penal law, in which the perpetrator is or would be a
4 resident of the United States or an organization that operates exclu-
5 sively or primarily within the United States.

6 § 2. The department of homeland security and emergency services shall
7 conduct a study and make recommendations to combat domestic terrorism
8 within the state. Such study shall, at a minimum:

9 (a) collect and organize data on the nature and extent of domestic
10 terrorism in the state;

11 (b) review state and federal policies and protocols related to combat-
12 ting domestic terrorism;

13 (c) identify available federal, state and local programs that provide
14 services to victims of domestic terrorism;

15 (d) identify available federal, state and local programs that provide
16 services to prevent acts of domestic terrorism;

17 (e) identify available federal, state and local programs and resources
18 to support efforts to prevent radicalization and disrupt violent extrem-
19 ist networks;

20 (f) identify the role social media plays in the development of such
21 extremist networks;

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

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1 (g) identify gaps and establish recommendations for interagency proto-
2 cols and collaboration between federal, state, and local law enforce-
3 ment, state and governmental agencies, and non-governmental organiza-
4 tions;

5 (h) evaluate approaches and establish recommendations to increase
6 public awareness about domestic terrorism and make recommendations on
7 such approaches, including ways by which the government can improve its
8 sharing of information; and

9 (i) evaluate the effectiveness of training programs on domestic
10 terrorism that have been designed for law enforcement personnel, prose-
11 cutors, other governmental employees, and non-governmental organiza-
12 tions, and make recommendations for improving the quality and effective-
13 ness of such programs.

14 § 3. The study shall also include recommendations for developing
15 protocols that will address evolving threats while respecting constitu-
16 tionally protected free speech and political activities and recommenda-
17 tions to strengthen state and local efforts to prevent acts of domestic
18 terrorism.

19 § 4. The study shall be completed and a report with any recommenda-
20 tions shall be submitted to the governor, the temporary president of the
21 senate, and the speaker of the assembly within one year of the effective
22 date of this act.

23 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately; and shall expire and be
24 deemed repealed 2 years after such date.