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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. KAPLAN, JACKSON, MANNION -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT in relation to directing the commissioner of education to conduct a study regarding the assistance needed to encourage women and minorities to pursue technology careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)

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

1 Section 1. The commissioner of education, in consultation with the
2 department of labor, shall conduct a study to determine the amount of
3 assistance, including financial, technical or any other assistance,
4 needed to encourage women and minorities to pursue technology careers in
5 science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Such study
6 shall determine the amount of such assistance needed in school
7 districts, charter schools, boards of cooperative educational services
8 and private schools, to develop new and enhance current STEM programs in
9 grades six through twelve, including career exploration activities,
10 opportunities for technical skills attainment and partnerships with
11 postsecondary education and training programs, to increase participation
12 by women and minority students in STEM programs. Such study shall
13 include data on the number of women and minorities in this state that
14 are currently in STEM related programs, the availability of STEM grants
15 to women and minorities and the number of women and minority applicants
16 applying for such STEM grants.

17 § 2. The commissioner of education, in consultation with the depart-
18 ment of labor shall submit a report which shall include the findings and
19 conclusions of such study, including recommendations, to the governor,

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

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1 the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly and
2 the chairs of the senate and assembly education committees no later than
3 December 31, 2022. On or before December 31, 2023 and annually there-
4 after, the commissioner of education shall update such report to include
5 the data required by section one of this act for the preceding year.
6 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.