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Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance -- recommitted to the Committee on Finance in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing the LGBTQ+ advisory board

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new article 45-C
2 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 45-C LGBTQ+ ADVISORY BOARD

Section 959. Definitions.

959-a. LGBTQ+ advisory board established.

959-b. Powers and duties.

§ 959. Definitions. For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. "LGBTQ+ advisory board" or "board" shall mean the LGBTQ+ advisory board established pursuant to section nine hundred fifty-nine-a of this article.

2. "LGBTQ+" shall mean a member of the community consisting of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, and other non-cis-gender individuals, or a reference to such community as a whole.

§ 959-a. LGBTQ+ advisory board established. 1. There is hereby established an advisory board to be known as the "LGBTQ+ advisory board".

2. The board shall be comprised of twelve members, to be appointed as follows: four members to be appointed by the governor, three members to be appointed by the temporary president of the senate, three members to

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

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1 be appointed by the speaker of the assembly, one member to be appointed
2 by the minority leader of the senate, and one member to be appointed by
3 the minority leader of the assembly.

4 3. All members of the board shall be non-legislative employees or
5 officials who identify as LGBTQ+.

6 4. The initial appointment of board members pursuant to subdivision
7 two of this section shall be staggered as follows: three members for a
8 term of one year, three members for a term of two years, three members
9 for a term of three years, and three members for a term of four years.
10 After the initial staggering of terms, such board members shall be
11 appointed for a term of four years. No such board member shall serve
12 more than two consecutive four-year terms. The remainder of any such
13 term to which a board member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not
14 constitute a term in determining such board member's eligibility for
15 reappointment.

16 5. Appointments to fill board vacancies, other than by expiration of a
17 term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Board vacancies shall be filled
18 in the same manner as the original appointments. All board members may
19 be reappointed.

20 6. Board members shall receive no compensation for their services but
21 shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the
22 performance of their duties.

23 7. The governor shall provide staff support to the board. All agencies
24 of the state shall provide assistance to the board upon request.

25 § 959-b. Powers and duties. The board shall have the powers and duties
26 to:

27 1. Advise the governor regarding the development of economic, profes-
28 sional, cultural, educational, and governmental links between New York
29 state and the LGBTQ+ community in New York state.

30 2. Undertake studies, sponsor symposiums, conduct research, and
31 prepare factual reports to gather information to formulate and present
32 recommendations to the governor relating to issues of concern and impor-
33 tance to the LGBTQ+ community in New York state.

34 3. Advise the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the
35 speaker of the assembly as needed regarding any statutory, regulatory,
36 or other issues of importance to the LGBTQ+ community in New York state.

37 4. Apply for, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from the
38 public, or private sources, including any matching funds as may be
39 designated in an appropriation act, to enable it to better carry out its
40 objectives.

41 5. Submit an annual report to the governor, the temporary president of
42 the senate, and the speaker of the assembly detailing the actions of the
43 board, and any recommendations of the board.

44 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
45 it shall have become a law.