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Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to direct the empire state development corporation to conduct a study on the feasibility of a minority and women-owned business enterprise capacity mentorship program

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

Section 1. 1. The empire state development corporation shall conduct a study to explore the feasibility of a minority and women-owned business enterprise capacity mentorship program. The study should focus on which agencies and industries would benefit most from such program, the utilization of any existing minority and women-owned business enterprise mentorship programs, and any fiscal implications. The study shall specifically focus on:

a. which state agencies would benefit most from such program concentrating in construction;

b. which state agencies would benefit most from such program concentrating in professional services;

c. which state agencies would benefit most from such program concentrating in non-professional services;

d. which state agencies would benefit most from such program concentrating in purchases of commodities;

e. the duration of time minority and women-owned business enterprises should participate in each program concentration described in paragraphs a through d of this subdivision;

f. the feasibility that such successful completion of such program could be used as a factor for prequalifying participating minority and women-owned business enterprises; and

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

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g. how such program can be tailored to better prepare minority and women-owned business enterprises for bidding on contracts with such agencies upon successful completion of the program.

2. Within twelve months of the effective date of this act, the empire state development corporation shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

a. actions that can be implemented to establish such capacity mentorship program, a plan of action for such implementation, and the estimated cost of the program including any additional division personnel that may be required;

b. any regulatory actions required by any agency in order to implement such program, a plan of action for implementing such actions, and the estimated cost of such implementation;

c. actions that require statutory changes in order to be implemented and the estimated cost of such implementation; and

d. the extent to which any existing minority and women-owned business enterprise mentorship program, including pursuant to section 147 of the state finance law, has been implemented, and the relative success of such programs.

3. Within twenty-four months of the effective date of this act, the empire state development corporation shall issue a report detailing the actions taken to implement the recommendations of such study to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly. Such report shall include a full examination of all aspects of a minority and women-owned business enterprise capacity mentorship program, the benefits of such program, a proposed plan of action for the permanent establishment of such program and the estimated cost of such program.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.