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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL, PERRY, LUPARDO, BICHOTTE, VANEL, GRIFFIN, COLTON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK, GOTTFRIED, SOLAGES, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

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:

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

§ 2. The commissioner of education shall submit a report which shall include the findings and conclusions of such study, including recommendations, to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly and the chairs of the senate and assembly education committees no later than December 31, 2022. On or before December

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

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31, 2023 and annually thereafter, the commissioner of education shall update such report to include the data required by section one of this act for the preceding year.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.