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Introduced by M. of A. PICHARDO, TAYLOR, EPSTEIN, DE LA ROSA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to establish the task force on social innovation, entrepreneurship and enterprise, and providing for its duties and responsibilities; 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. (a) A task force on social innovation, entrepreneurship and
2 enterprise is hereby established to examine, evaluate and make recommen-
3 dations concerning the means and methods to strengthen the capacity of
4 the state to (i) work cooperatively to create, scale and sustain innova-
5 tive social programs; (ii) work cooperatively to support emerging
6 socially responsible businesses, advance existing socially responsible
7 businesses and sustain innovative social programs; (iii) build the
8 capacity of not-for-profit entities and governments to pursue entrepre-
9 neurial ventures; (iv) provide greater opportunities for social enter-
10 prise ventures; and (v) attract funding to the state for the support of
11 such ventures.

12 (a-1) For purposes of this act social innovation means the process of
13 developing and deploying effective solutions to challenging and often
14 systemic social and environmental issues in support of social progress.

15 (b) In addition, the task force shall have the following duties:

16 (i) to gather information on social innovation, entrepreneurship and
17 social enterprise;

18 (ii) to receive and consider reports and testimony from individuals,
19 public officials, community-based organizations, not-for-profit organ-
20 izations, faith-based organizations and other public and private enti-
21 ties relating to how social innovation and entrepreneurship may acceler-
22 ate progress on social issues, work across social sectors, and advance
23 social and economic development goals;

24 (iii) to identify promising strategies that have been implemented in
25 other communities and states to encourage cross-sector collaboration on
26 social issues;

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

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1 (iv) to identify promising strategies to educate and train the public,
2 not-for-profit organizations, municipalities and businesses on entrepre-
3 neurial concepts as applied in the social sector;

4 (v) to designate a suitable organization to facilitate research and
5 development; and

6 (vi) to develop a statewide comprehensive strategic plan relating
7 thereto.

8 § 2. (a) The task force shall be composed of 11 members, as follows:

9 (i) the commissioner of temporary and disability assistance, or his or
10 her designee, who shall be the chair of the task force;

11 (ii) the commissioner of children and family services, or his or her
12 designee; and

13 (iii) three members appointed by the governor, three members appointed
14 by the senate majority leader, and three members appointed by the speak-
15 er of the assembly, who shall be broadly representative of the diversity
16 of the state, and shall include the following:

17 (A) two persons who are officers of not-for-profit corporations that
18 operate at least one social enterprise;

19 (B) one representative of a statewide or regional not-for-profit
20 management support organization;

21 (C) one representative of a university which has an established record
22 in promoting social entrepreneurship or tracking the economic impact of
23 social sector issues;

24 (D) two representatives of private sector businesses that have a
25 strong commitment to their communities and have a record of supporting
26 social entrepreneurship;

27 (E) one representative of a charitable organization with an estab-
28 lished record of funding social entrepreneurs; and

29 (F) two persons having such experience and expertise as would be valu-
30 able to the task force.

31 (b) The task force shall convene at such times and places as the chair
32 shall determine. Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be
33 filled in the manner provided for the original appointment of such
34 member.

35 § 3. The task force may meet within and without the state, shall hold
36 public hearings and shall have all the powers of a legislative committee
37 pursuant to the legislative law.

38 § 4. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
39 their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses
40 incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this act.

41 § 5. To the maximum extent feasible, the task force shall be entitled
42 to request and receive, and shall utilize such facilities, resources and
43 data of any court, department, division, board, bureau, commission or
44 agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof as it may
45 reasonably request.

46 § 6. The provisions of articles 6 and 7 of the public officers law
47 shall apply to all records, meetings and proceedings of the task force.

48 § 7. The task force shall make reports to the governor, the legisla-
49 ture and the public, within 6 months, 1 year and 2 years after the
50 effective date of this act, of its findings, conclusions and recommenda-
51 tions, and shall submit with its reports such legislative and regulatory
52 proposals as it deems necessary to implement its recommendations.

53 § 8. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
54 deemed repealed 2 years after such date.