STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. KIM, MAMDANI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to establishing the reputational insight and oversight transparency act

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "reputational insight and oversight transparency act" or "RIOT act".

§ 2. Legislative findings. The legislature finds, (a) in the aftermath of the January 6th storming of the United States Capitol, that groups who had supported lawmakers in overturning the presidential election results had financial backing from private equity firms and big corporations, and (b) that public pension investments through the New York State Common Retirement Fund and analogous pension funds in New York state municipalities must account for reputational risk for the welfare of New York state public employees.

§ 3. The retirement and social security law is amended by adding a new section 177-f to read as follows:

§ 177-f. Restriction of certain investments in firms. 1. Firms in which the fund invests shall not pledge any direct corporate contributions to independent expenditure-only political action committees (super PACs), tax-exempt political organizations defined under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code or tax-exempt organizations defined under § 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2. Senior executives at such firms are prohibited from making individual contributions in excess of ten thousand dollars to the entities listed in subdivision one of this section.

3. Senior executives at such firms who make individual contributions to the entities listed in subdivision one of this section at or below ten thousand dollars shall disclose such contributions to either the department of audit and control, the office of the New York state comptroller or the office of the New York city comptroller, whichever department or office oversees the fund.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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