STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. FAHY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to establishing the New York state advisory council on coronavirus economic recovery and workforce development; 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:

Section 1. The economic development law is amended by adding a new article 23 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 23

NEW YORK STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CORONAVIRUS ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Section 455. New York state advisory council on coronavirus economic recovery and workforce development.

§ 455. New York state advisory council on coronavirus economic recovery and workforce development. 1. There is hereby created within the department the New York state advisory council on coronavirus economic recovery and workforce development for advising the department as provided in this section. The council shall concentrate both on coronavirus economic recovery as well as issues impacting business post recovery.

2. (a) The council shall consist of sixteen members: three members appointed by the temporary president of the senate, three members appointed by the speaker of the assembly, one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate, one member appointed by the minority leader of the assembly, and the eight remaining members appointed by the governor, at least two of which shall be small business owners in the state who employ fifty or less employees.

(b) The appointed council members shall represent various geographic areas of the state and shall be knowledgeable in at least one of the following areas:

(i) business;

(ii) education;

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

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(iii) workforce development; or

(iv) public-private partnerships for economic recovery.

3. The council shall make recommendations to the commissioner on certain subjects including, but not limited to:

(a) opportunities for collaboration between employers and educational institutions;

(b) strategies to address any skills gaps;

(c) strategies to create sustainable pathways into careers; and

(d) strategies for workplace learning and skills application.

4. The council shall meet as frequently as its business may require, but not less than twice a year. The presence of a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The members of the council shall receive no compensation for their services as members.

5. The commissioner, upon request of the council, shall designate an officer or employee of the office to act as secretary of the council and shall assign from time to time such other employees as the council may require.

6. The council shall develop and submit a report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, the chair of the senate committee on commerce, economic development, and small business, the ranking minority member of the senate committee on commerce, economic development and small business, the chair of the assembly committee on economic development, job creation, commerce and industry and the ranking minority member of the assembly committee on economic development, job creation, commerce and industry no later than one year from the effective date of this act and annually thereafter. Such report shall include recommendations required by this section and recommendations to effectively implement any initiative identified by the council.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed four years after it shall have become a law.