

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CRUZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT creating "The Commission to Study the Impact of Automation and Artificial Intelligence on the New York Labor Force"; 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 state commission, to be known as The Commission to Study
2 the Impact of Automation and Artificial Intelligence on the New York
3 Labor Force (hereinafter "commission"), is hereby created within and
4 staffed by the department of labor to study and make determinations on
5 issues including but not limited to:
- 6 (a) current law within this state addressing automation and artificial
7 intelligence;
 - 8 (b) comparative state policies that have aided in creating a regulato-
9 ry structure for automation and artificial intelligence, and whether
10 such measures would be similarly effective in this state;
 - 11 (c) the impact of the growing rate of deployment of automation and
12 artificial intelligence on jobs, employment, unemployment and permanent
13 displacement of workers;
 - 14 (d) the impact of automation and artificial intelligence on wages, job
15 opportunities for workers entering the labor market and older workers
16 broken down by employment sector, age of group, gender, race, ethnicity
17 and geographic location;
 - 18 (e) the overall impact of the use of automation and artificial intel-
19 ligence on permanent worker displacement and the role the state's worker
20 training and education programs in higher learning must undertake to
21 ensure displaced workers are retrained if possible;
 - 22 (f) the impact of permanent displacement of workers by automation and
23 artificial intelligence on the New York economy and social services
24 safety net; and
 - 25 (g) the impact of modifying the corporate tax structure to implement
26 an automation and artificial intelligence tax that will fund the social
27 and economic needs of permanently displaced workers.

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

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1 § 2. The commission shall work in collaboration with stakeholders in
2 workforce development in the state university of New York, the City
3 University of New York and the department of education as well as repre-
4 sentatives of the business sector.

5 § 3. The commission shall consist of eleven members to be appointed as
6 follows: five shall be appointed by the governor; two shall be appointed
7 by the temporary president of the senate and one by the minority leader
8 of the senate; and two shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly
9 and one by the minority leader of the assembly. The members of the
10 commission shall serve at the pleasure of the official making the
11 appointment of such member. Vacancies in the membership of the commis-
12 sion shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.
13 Membership on the commission shall not constitute a public office. The
14 chairperson shall be the commissioner of labor or his or her delegate
15 and a vice-chairperson of the commission shall be elected by a majority
16 of its members, all members being present. The members of the commission
17 shall be selected and the commissioner shall have elected a vice-chair-
18 person no later than the ninetieth day after the effective date of this
19 act.

20 § 4. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for
21 their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses
22 incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this act.

23 § 5. The commission may conduct any hearings or take any written
24 testimony as it deems necessary, and shall take all other steps neces-
25 sary to provide a thorough analysis of all issues related to the
26 provisions listed in section one of this act.

27 § 6. The commission shall issue a final report no later than one year
28 after the effective date of this act with recommendations on how New
29 York should prepare for workplace and workforce disruptions caused by
30 the increasing rate of deployment of artificial intelligence and auto-
31 mation. The commission shall issue its report to the governor, the
32 speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the assembly, the tempo-
33 rary president of the senate, and the minority leader of the senate.

34 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
35 deemed repealed 2 years after such effective date.