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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business

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:

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

ARTICLE 23

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

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

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

15 2. (a) The council shall consist of twelve members: three members
16 appointed by the temporary president of the senate, three members
17 appointed by the speaker of the assembly, and the six remaining members
18 appointed by the governor, at least two of which shall be small business
19 owners in the state who employ fifty or less employees.

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

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

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- 1 (i) business;
2 (ii) education;
3 (iii) workforce development; or
4 (iv) public-private partnerships for economic recovery.

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

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

9 (b) strategies to address any skills gaps;

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

11 (d) strategies for workplace learning and skills application.

12 4. The council shall meet as frequently as its business may require.
13 The presence of a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The
14 members of the council shall receive no compensation for their services
15 as members.

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

20 6. The council shall develop and submit a report to the governor, the
21 speaker of the assembly, and the temporary president of the senate no
22 later than one year from the effective date of this act and annually
23 thereafter. Such report shall include recommendations required by this
24 section and recommendations to effectively implement any initiative
25 identified by the council.

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