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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to establishing the industry targeted unemployment task 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. The labor law is amended by adding a new article 18-A to
2 read as follows:

ARTICLE 18-A

INDUSTRY TARGETED UNEMPLOYMENT TASK FORCE

3 Section 645. Statement of purpose.

4 646. Industry targeted unemployment task force.

5 647. Task force composition.

6 648. Task force duties.

7 649. Reporting.

8 § 645. Statement of purpose. It is the purpose of this article to
9 ensure:

10 1. During times of large overall unemployment, individuals without
11 employment are aware of the various job training and job development
12 programs available to them;

13 2. That various job training and job development programs administered
14 or funded by the state are promoted in a matter that targets former
15 employees of industries experiencing higher levels of unemployment
16 compared to the overall rate; and

17 3. Former employees of industries experiencing high levels of unem-
18 ployment are enrolled and complete job training and job development
19 programs, specifically in areas that have a demand in necessary labor.

20 § 646. Industry targeted unemployment task force. The industry target-
21 ed unemployment task force, referred to in this article as the task
22 force, is hereby established for the purpose of concentrating unemploy-
23 ment.

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

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1 ment assistance, job training, and job development assistance during
2 times of high unemployment to individuals who have previously been
3 employed by an industry that is experiencing unemployment rates higher
4 than the statewide average.

5 § 647. Task force composition. 1. The task force shall consist of
6 twelve members; one of who shall be the commissioner, or his or her
7 designee, who shall serve as the chairperson of the task force; three
8 members shall be appointed by the governor, and at a minimum one such
9 member shall be a representative of a labor union; two members shall be
10 appointed by the temporary president of the senate; two members shall be
11 appointed by the speaker of the assembly; one member shall be appointed
12 by the minority leader of the senate; one member shall be appointed by
13 the minority leader of the assembly; and the final two members shall be
14 representatives of industries experiencing high levels of unemployment
15 and shall be appointed by the other members of the task force.

16 2. The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for
17 their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses
18 incurred in the performance of their duties.

19 § 648. Task force duties. The role of the task force includes, but is
20 not limited to:

21 1. Examining the statewide unemployment rate by industry, and the
22 overall pool of unemployed persons by their last industry worked in, to
23 determine what industries have higher unemployment than the statewide
24 average; and

25 2. Developing an outreach program to be utilized by state agencies for
26 the unemployed workers of industries that have high levels of unemploy-
27 ment, including but not limited to, job search resources, job training
28 opportunities in emerging industries, payment and financial assistance
29 for those programs, entrepreneurial opportunities, and other items that
30 would assist unemployed workers in obtaining employment.

31 § 649. Reporting. The task force shall 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 no
34 less than annually with the first such report due six months after the
35 effective date of this article, and it shall additionally issue such
36 reports and recommendations as it deems necessary to carry out its
37 duties and responsibilities. The findings and recommendations in such
38 reports shall be used by all state agencies to address any unemployment
39 and job assistance outreach as applicable. Any such reports shall be
40 made publicly available on the website of the department.

41 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
42 deemed repealed three years after such date.