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Introduced by Sen. REICHLIN-MELNICK -- read twice and ordered printed,
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and
Pensions

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to the compensation
paid to persons employed in positions requiring foreign language
skills and directing the department of civil service to conduct a
study on certain job titles that require proficiency in a language
other than English

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

1 Section 1. Section 130 of the civil service law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 15 to read as follows:

3 15. The director of classification and compensation shall, subject to
4 the approval of the director of the budget, establish a pay differential
5 for titles that require specialized skill, ability, training, or know-
6 ledge including, but not limited to, proficiency in a language other
7 than English.

8 § 2. The department of civil service is hereby directed to conduct a
9 study and publish a report on civil service job titles that require
10 proficiency in a language other than English. The study and report shall
11 include, but not be limited to:

12 1. a list of employees in job titles that require proficiency in a
13 language other than English and the number of employees in each title;

14 2. the jurisdictional classification and appointment type of such job
15 titles;

16 3. the salary grades and allocations of such job titles;

17 4. a determination of whether the current salary allocations for each
18 job title adequately reflect the title's responsibilities and duties;

19 5. whether any changes should be made to the current job descriptions
20 of such job titles to reflect more accurately the actual duties of such
21 titles;

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

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1 6. the gender and race/ethnicity identification of the employees in
2 such job titles;
3 7. a list of state offices and/or departments with employees in such
4 job titles and the location of such job titles;
5 8. the number of times that examinations are held for appointment or
6 promotion into titles that require proficiency in a language other than
7 English in the past five years;
8 9. the number of individuals that have taken examinations for appoint-
9 ment or promotion into titles that require proficiency in a language
10 other than English in the past five years;
11 10. the number of times that existing employees in titles that require
12 proficiency in a language other than English advanced to a different job
13 title within the past five years; and
14 11. a determination of whether there should be a career ladder for job
15 titles that require proficiency in a language other than English.
16 § 3. Every public employer as defined in this section shall provide
17 all requested assistance and information to the department of civil
18 service in conducting the study required by this act. It shall be the
19 duty of each officer of the public employer to comply with and aid in
20 all proper ways in carrying into effect the provisions of this study.
21 For the purposes of this act, the term "public employer" shall mean
22 those employers with offices and positions in the classified service of
23 the state and its civil divisions and the term "classified service"
24 shall have the same meaning as in section 40 of the civil service law.
25 § 4. The department of civil service shall submit such published
26 report pursuant to section two of this act to the speaker of the assem-
27 bly, the minority leader of the assembly, the temporary president of the
28 senate, the minority leader of the senate, and the governor's office of
29 employee relations no later than one year after the effective date of
30 this act.
31 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.