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

AN ACT in relation to directing the commissioner of education to conduct a study regarding the assistance needed to encourage women and minorities to pursue technology careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)

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

1 Section 1. The commissioner of education shall conduct a study to
2 determine the amount of assistance, including financial, technical or
3 any other assistance, needed to encourage women and minorities to pursue
4 technology careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics
5 (STEM). Such study shall determine the amount of such assistance needed
6 in school districts, charter schools, boards of cooperative educational
7 services and private schools, to develop new and enhance current STEM
8 programs in grades six through twelve, including career exploration
9 activities, opportunities for technical skills attainment and partner-
10 ships with postsecondary education and training programs, to increase
11 participation by women and minority students in STEM programs. Such
12 study shall include data on the number of women and minorities in this
13 state that are currently in STEM related programs, the availability of
14 STEM grants to women and minorities and the number of women and minority
15 applicants applying for such STEM grants.

16 § 2. The commissioner of education shall submit a report which shall
17 include the findings and conclusions of such study, including recommen-
18 dations, to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the
19 speaker of the assembly and the chairs of the senate and assembly educa-
20 tion committees no later than December 31, 2022. On or before December
21 31, 2023 and annually thereafter, the commissioner of education shall
22 update such report to include the data required by section one of this
23 act for the preceding year.

24 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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