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

AN ACT to amend the transportation law and the tax law, in relation to enacting the "integrated employment, economic development and safety net system for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities act"

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "integrated employment, economic development and safety net system  
3 for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities act".

4 § 2. Legislative findings and intent. The legislature hereby finds and  
5 declares that many citizens with intellectual and developmental disabili-  
6 ties can be productive members of the general workforce in the state's  
7 counties and that with planning, funding realignment, employer tax cred-  
8 its, additional resources where necessary, and better coordination of  
9 existing state, federal and rural resources, employment for such indi-  
10 viduals will increase significantly.

11 The legislature further finds and declares that because of age, sever-  
12 ity of disability or other factors, many individuals offered the oppor-  
13 tunity will be unable to participate in the general workforce. Therefore  
14 there must continue to be a safety net employment system to provide  
15 opportunities for such individuals to work alongside their peers with  
16 and without disabilities.

17 Finally, the legislature recognizes that economy and efficiency are  
18 best served by utilizing the existing and extensive infrastructure for  
19 purposes of providing appropriate integrated employment and spurring  
20 economic development.

21 § 3. Section 14 of the transportation law is amended by adding a new  
22 subdivision 36 to read as follows:

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

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1     36. The commissioner shall, in cooperation with the commissioner of  
2 developmental disabilities, establish a rural integrated transportation  
3 demonstration program, similar to such program as described in section  
4 seventy-three-e of this chapter, in six counties, each having a popu-  
5 lation of not more than two hundred thousand according to the two thou-  
6 sand ten federal census. The commissioner shall direct a transportation  
7 provider in each such county to study how the coordination of local  
8 human service agencies providing transportation in a rural county can  
9 increase transportation opportunities for integrated supported environ-  
10 ment employment to individuals with intellectual and developmental disa-  
11 bilities in accordance with section 13.41 of the mental hygiene law.  
12 Such pilot shall provide that where a participating human service agency  
13 operates transportation services for transportation-disabled persons,  
14 the agency shall be authorized to provide coordinated transportation to  
15 other enrolled human service agency riders while remaining exempt from  
16 the provisions of article seven of this chapter, unless such transporta-  
17 tion services are open to the public. The commissioner, in establishing  
18 and operating the program, shall consider the availability of public  
19 transportation, public safety concerns and the duplication of services.  
20 Each transportation provider participating in the program shall study  
21 the cost benefits of coordinating transportation, the quality of trans-  
22 portation, access for client populations and the outcomes of individuals  
23 receiving the services. Every transportation provider shall report its  
24 findings to the commissioner and the commissioner of developmental disa-  
25 bilities who shall jointly evaluate the findings of the study, and  
26 report thereon to the governor, the temporary president of the senate  
27 and the speaker of the assembly.

28     § 4. The tax law is amended by adding a new section 45 to read as  
29 follows:

30     § 45. Credit for integrated business enterprise investments. (a)  
31 Allowance of credit. A taxpayer, that is an integrated business enter-  
32 prise, subject to tax under article nine, nine-A, twenty-two or thirty-  
33 three of this chapter shall be allowed a credit against such tax, pursu-  
34 ant to the provisions referenced in subdivision (c) of this section. The  
35 credit shall be allowed during the tax year an integrated work environ-  
36 ment, in which a qualified investment is made by the taxpayer, is placed  
37 in service. The credit shall be equal to five percent of the taxpayer's  
38 qualified investment.

39     (b) Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall  
40 have the following meanings:

41     (1) Integrated business enterprise. The term "integrated business  
42 enterprise" means a business which is owned, operated or controlled by a  
43 home and community based services waiver provider that employs individ-  
44 uals with developmental disabilities and non-disabled individuals, and  
45 which is determined by the commissioner for people with developmental  
46 disabilities to provide competitive employment to persons with develop-  
47 mental disabilities.

48     (2) Qualified investment. The term "qualified investment" means moneys  
49 spent for the purchase of buildings and tangible personal property with  
50 a useful life of four or more years, which are used in the production of  
51 an integrated work environment.

52     (c) Cross-references. For application of the credit provided for in  
53 this section, see the following provisions of this chapter:

54     (1) Article 9: Section 187-q,

55     (2) Article 9-A: Section 210-B: subdivision 55,

56     (3) Article 22: Section 606: subsections (i) and (kkk),

1 (4) Article 33: Section 1511: subdivision (ee).

2 § 5. Subdivision 2 of section 187-a of the tax law, as added by chap-  
3 ter 142 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

4 2. Qualified employee. A qualified employee is an individual:

5 (a) who is certified by the education department or the office for  
6 people with developmental disabilities, or in the case of an individual  
7 who is blind or visually handicapped, by the state agency responsible  
8 for provision of vocational rehabilitation services to the blind and  
9 visually handicapped: (i) as a person with a disability which consti-  
10 tutes or results in a substantial handicap to employment and (ii) as  
11 having completed or as receiving services under either an individualized  
12 written rehabilitation plan approved by the education department or an  
13 individualized service plan approved pursuant to the regulations of the  
14 commissioner for people with developmental disabilities, or other state  
15 agency responsible for providing vocational rehabilitation services to  
16 such individual; and

17 (b) who has worked on a full-time basis for the employer who is claim-  
18 ing the credit for at least one hundred eighty days or four hundred  
19 hours, or, for an individual certified by the office for people with  
20 developmental disabilities, has worked on a full-time or part-time basis  
21 for the employer who is claiming the credit for at least one hundred  
22 days or four hundred hours.

23 § 6. The tax law is amended by adding a new section 187-q to read as  
24 follows:

25 § 187-q. Credit for integrated business enterprise investments. 1.  
26 Allowance of credit. A taxpayer shall be allowed a credit, to be  
27 computed as provided in section forty-five of this chapter, against the  
28 taxes imposed by this article. Provided, however that the amount of such  
29 credit allowable against the tax imposed by section one hundred eight-  
30 four of this article shall be the excess of the amount of such credit  
31 over the amount of any credit allowed by this section against the tax  
32 imposed by section one hundred eighty-three of this article.

33 2. Carryover. In no event shall the credit under this section be  
34 allowed in an amount which will reduce the tax payable to less than the  
35 applicable minimum tax fixed by section one hundred eighty-three of this  
36 article. If, however, the amount of credit allowable under this section  
37 for any taxable year reduces the tax to such amount, any amount of cred-  
38 it not deductible in such taxable year may be carried over to the  
39 following year or years, for up to fifteen years, and may be deducted  
40 from the taxpayer's tax for such year or years.

41 § 7. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 12 of section 210-B of the tax law,  
42 as added by section 17 of part A of chapter 59 of the laws of 2014, is  
43 amended to read as follows:

44 (b) Qualified employee. A qualified employee is an individual:

45 (1) who is certified by the education department or the office for  
46 people with developmental disabilities, or in the case of an individual  
47 who is blind or visually handicapped, by the state agency responsible  
48 for provision of vocational rehabilitation services to the blind and  
49 visually handicapped: (i) as a person with a disability which consti-  
50 tutes or results in a substantial handicap to employment and (ii) as  
51 having completed or as receiving services under either an individualized  
52 written rehabilitation plan approved by the education department or an  
53 individualized service plan approved pursuant to the regulations of the  
54 commissioner for people with developmental disabilities, or other state  
55 agency responsible for providing vocational rehabilitation services to  
56 such individual; and

(2) who has worked on a full-time basis for the employer who is claiming the credit for at least one hundred eighty days or four hundred hours, or, for an individual certified by the office for people with developmental disabilities, has worked on a full-time or part-time basis for the employer who is claiming the credit for at least one hundred days or four hundred hours.

§ 8. Section 210-B of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivision 55 to read as follows:

55. Credit for integrated business enterprise investments. (a) Allowance of credit. A taxpayer shall be allowed a credit, to be computed as provided in section forty-five of this chapter, against the tax imposed by this article.

(b) Carryover. The credit allowed under this subdivision for any taxable year shall not reduce the tax due for such year to less than the amount prescribed in paragraph (d) of subdivision one of section two hundred ten of this article. However, if the amount of credit allowable under this subdivision for any taxable year reduces the tax to such amount, any amount of credit not deductible in such taxable year may be carried over to the following year or years, for up to fifteen years, and may be deducted from the taxpayer's tax for such year or years.

§ 9. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (i) of section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new clause (xlvi) to read as follows:

<u>(xlvi) Credit for</u>	<u>Amount of credit</u>
<u>integrated business enterprise</u>	<u>under subdivision</u>
<u>investments under</u>	<u>fifty-five of section</u>
<u>subsection (kkk)</u>	<u>two hundred ten-B</u>

§ 10. Paragraph 2 of subsection (o) of section 606 of the tax law, as added by chapter 142 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Qualified employee. A qualified employee is an individual:

(A) who is certified by the education department or the office for people with developmental disabilities, or in the case of an individual who is blind or visually handicapped, by the state agency responsible for provision of vocation rehabilitation services to the blind and visually handicapped: (i) as a person with a disability which constitutes or results in a substantial handicap to employment and (ii) as having completed or as receiving services under either an individualized written rehabilitation plan approved by the education department or an individualized service plan approved pursuant to the regulations of the commissioner for people with developmental disabilities, or other state agency responsible for providing vocational rehabilitation services to such individual; and

(B) who has worked on a full-time basis for the employer who is claiming the credit for at least one hundred eighty days or four hundred hours, or, for an individual certified by the office for people with developmental disabilities, has worked on a full-time or part-time basis for the employer who is claiming the credit for at least one hundred days or four hundred hours.

§ 11. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection (kkk) to read as follows:

(kkk) Credit for integrated business enterprise investments. (1) Allowance of credit. A taxpayer shall be allowed a credit, to be computed as provided in section forty-five of this chapter, against the tax imposed by this article.

(2) Carryover. If the amount of credit allowable under this subsection for any taxable year shall exceed the taxpayer's tax for such year, the

1 excess may be carried over to the following year or years, for up to  
2 fifteen years, and may be deducted from the taxpayer's tax for such year  
3 or years.

4 § 12. Paragraph 2 of subdivision (j) of section 1511 of the tax law,  
5 as added by chapter 142 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 (2) Qualified employee. A qualified employee is an individual:

8 (A) who is certified by the education department or the office for  
9 people with developmental disabilities, or in the case of an individual  
10 who is blind or visually handicapped, by the state agency responsible  
11 for provision of vocational rehabilitation services to the blind and  
12 visually handicapped: (i) as a person with a disability which consti-  
13 tutes or results in a substantial handicap to employment and (ii) as  
14 having completed or as receiving services under either an individualized  
15 written rehabilitation plan approved by the education department or an  
16 individualized service plan approved pursuant to the regulations of the  
17 commissioner for people with developmental disabilities, or other state  
18 agency responsible for providing vocational rehabilitation services to  
19 such individual; and

20 (B) who has worked on a full-time basis for the employer who is claim-  
21 ing the credit for at least one hundred eighty days or four hundred  
22 hours, or, for an individual certified by the office for people with  
23 developmental disabilities, has worked on a full-time or part-time basis  
24 for the employer who is claiming the credit for at least one hundred  
25 days or four hundred hours.

26 § 13. Section 1511 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivi-  
27 sion (ee) to read as follows:

28 (ee) Credit for integrated business enterprise investments. (1) Allow-  
29 ance of credit. A taxpayer shall be allowed a credit, to be computed as  
30 provided in section forty-five of this chapter, against the taxes  
31 imposed by this article.

32 (2) Carryover. The credit and carryovers of such credit allowed under  
33 this subdivision for any taxable year shall not, in the aggregate,  
34 reduce the tax due for such year to less than the minimum tax fixed by  
35 paragraph four of subdivision (a) of section fifteen hundred two of this  
36 article or by section fifteen hundred two-a of this article, whichever  
37 is applicable. However, if the amount of credit or carryovers of such  
38 credit, or both, allowed under this subdivision for any taxable year  
39 reduces the tax to such amount, then any amount of credit or carryovers  
40 of such credit thus not deductible in such taxable year may be carried  
41 over to the following year or years, for up to fifteen years, and may be  
42 deducted from the taxpayer's tax for such year or years.

43 § 14. This act shall take effect immediately, except that sections  
44 four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten and eleven of this act shall  
45 take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it  
46 shall have become a law.