STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation

AN ACT in relation to conducting a study of public and private museums in New York state

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

Section 1. The department of economic development, in conjunction with the empire state development corporation, the department of education, the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation, the department of environmental conservation, the department of state, and the New York state council on the arts, is hereby directed to conduct a comprehensive study on public and private museums in the state. Such study shall include, but not be limited to:

1. taking a census of public and private museums in the state, including information on the size, hours of operation, visitor statistics, funding sources and amounts, and the subjects of the museums' collections, of the many museums throughout the state.

2. identifying the benefits, shortfalls and consequences of the different sources of support museums receive publicly and those they must find privately.

3. providing information and recommendations so as to inform the legislature of the adequacy of public and private sources of the funding for museums in the state and to serve current and future funding needs, recommend systems of support to best ensure equitable distribution of such funds, regardless of discipline, budget size, or location, and the continued accessibility and availability of museums promoting a general interest in cultural and historical topics, fine arts, physical and natural sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics, and to determine the feasibility of a single reporting system that includes active oversight.

§ 2. A report of the findings of such study, recommendations, and any proposed legislation necessary to implement such recommendations shall be filed with the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly within one year after the effective date of this act.

§ 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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