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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. KIM, MAMDANI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to establishing the reputational insight and oversight transparency act

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "reputational insight and oversight transparency act" or "RIOT act".

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3 § 2. Legislative findings. The legislature finds, (a) in the aftermath
4 of the January 6th storming of the United States Capitol, that groups
5 who had supported lawmakers in overturning the presidential election
6 results had financial backing from private equity firms and big corporations,
7 and (b) that public pension investments through the New York
8 State Common Retirement Fund and analogous pension funds in New York
9 state municipalities must account for reputational risk for the welfare
10 of New York state public employees.

11 § 3. The retirement and social security law is amended by adding a new
12 section 177-f to read as follows:

13 § 177-f. Restriction of certain investments in firms. 1. Firms in
14 which the fund invests shall not pledge any direct corporate contributions
15 to independent expenditure-only political action committees
16 (super PACs), tax-exempt political organizations defined under section
17 527 of the Internal Revenue Code or tax-exempt organizations defined
18 under § 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

19 2. Senior executives at such firms are prohibited from making individual
20 contributions in excess of ten thousand dollars to the entities
21 listed in subdivision one of this section.

22 3. Senior executives at such firms who make individual contributions
23 to the entities listed in subdivision one of this section at or below
24 ten thousand dollars shall disclose such contributions to either the
25 department of audit and control, the office of the New York state comptroller
26 or the office of the New York city comptroller, whichever
27 department or office oversees the fund.

28 § 4. 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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