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Introduced by M. of A. GRAY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT amending the education law, in relation to establishing the "SUNY excess building asset inventory and repurposing act"; conducting a study relating to excess building assets; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "SUNY excess building asset inventory and repurposing act".

§ 2. Section 370 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 15 to read as follows:

15. "Excess building assets" shall mean any buildings or structures owned by the state university of New York that are not currently being used for academic, administrative, or residential purposes.

§ 3. Section 373 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 20 to read as follows:

20. The fund shall conduct an inventory of all excess building assets that is to be completed no later than one year after the effective date of this subdivision, and annually thereafter. Such inventory shall contain the following information for each excess building asset:

(a) location;

(b) size;

(c) type, including but not limited to, residential, academic, or administrative;

(d) current condition; and

(e) past use.

§ 4. 1. Following an inventory of all excess building assets pursuant to subdivision twenty of section three hundred seventy-three of the education law, the state university of New York shall conduct a study to be completed no later than two years after the effective date of this

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

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section which shall include but not be limited to the following information:

(a) the effect of repurposing excess building assets, and such repurposing's potential to provide cost relief to institutions;

(b) the financial feasibility of such repurposing;

(c) proposals for potential uses of excess building assets including potential demolition, if necessary and the environmental impact of such demolitions; and

(d) the potential cost savings from repurposing or demolition, and potential sources of funding for such repurposing or demolition.

2. The state university shall provide a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the minority leader of the assembly upon the completion of the inventory and study. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the findings of the inventory and study, as well as recommendations for legislative or administrative actions to address the excess building assets.

§ 5. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such invalid provisions had not been included herein.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however that the provisions of section four of this act shall expire three years after such date when upon such date the provisions of such section shall be deemed repealed.