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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT in relation to establishing a task force on ensuring black people have an equitable position in education, economic development and other fields and disciplines

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

Section 1. 1. There is hereby established a task force on the issues facing black people since the end of slavery in the United States and holistic solutions to ensure that black people have an equitable position in education, economic development and other fields and disciplines.

2. (a) The task force shall be composed of nine members who shall be appointed within 90 days after the effective date of this act, as follows:

(i) three members shall be appointed by the governor;

(ii) two members shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly;

(iii) two members shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate;

(iv) one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly; and

(v) one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

(b) All members of the task force shall be persons who are especially qualified to serve on the task force by virtue of their education, training, or experience, particularly in the field of African-American studies.

(c) The task force shall elect a chairperson from among its members.

(d) The members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their services as members, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

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

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3. (a) The task force may, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, hold such hearings and sit and act at such times and at such places in the United States, as the task force considers appropriate.

(b) The task force mission may acquire directly from the head of any department, agency, or instrumentality of the state, available information which the task force considers useful in the discharge of its duties. All departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the state shall cooperate with the task force with respect to such information and shall furnish all information requested by the task force to the extent permitted by law.

4. The task force shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leaders of the senate and the assembly and the governor not later than the first of January second succeeding the effective date of this act.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.