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Introduced by M. of A. EPSTEIN, COLTON, REYES, TAYLOR, SHIMSKY, BURDICK, WOERNER, SANTABARBARA, CUNNINGHAM, DE LOS SANTOS, WALLACE, RAGA -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. WALSH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- ordered to a third reading -- passed by Assembly and delivered to the Senate, recalled from the Senate, vote reconsidered, bill amended, ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to participation by individuals with disabilities with respect to state employment and state contracts

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

Section 1. Section 163 of the state finance law is amended by adding a new subdivision 16 to read as follows:

16. a. The commissioner shall submit a report to the governor, the state comptroller, the state procurement council, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate, the chief disability officer, the chair of the assembly standing committee on people with disabilities, and the chair of the senate standing committee on disabilities no later than December first, two thousand twenty-five, summarizing data related to the participation of individuals with disabilities on state contracts subject to the provisions of this section.

b. Such report shall include aggregate data on the employment of individuals with disabilities, their level of participation on such state contracts, and any policies and practices carried out by state contractors and subcontractors to promote employment of individuals with disabilities within their workforce. Such report shall also examine compliance of state contractors and subcontractors with other equal

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

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1 opportunity requirements and anti-discrimination laws, in addition to
2 any other required employment practices compliance with which is deemed
3 pertinent to be examined by the commissioner.

4 c. In order to effectuate the provisions of this subdivision:

5 (i) Contractors and subcontractors that have entered into a contract
6 with a state agency shall invite their employees to self-identify as an
7 individual with a disability. Nothing in this subdivision shall be
8 deemed to require the disclosure of the status of an individual with a
9 disability.

10 (ii) Contractors and subcontractors shall submit a report to each
11 state agency with which they have entered into a contract including the
12 information required by paragraph b of this subdivision. Workforce
13 participation by individuals with disabilities throughout the previous
14 fiscal year shall be reported in the form of aggregate data and shall
15 not include any personal identifying information.

16 (iii) Each state agency shall compile such information and submit an
17 aggregate report to the commissioner.

18 d. The information required by this subdivision shall be provided in
19 such form as prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall
20 promulgate regulations regarding:

21 (i) The timeline, content, and process by which contractors and
22 subcontractors shall submit such reports to state agencies;

23 (ii) The timeline, content, and process by which state agencies shall
24 submit such reports to the office of general services; and

25 (iii) Any other factors the commissioner deems appropriate or neces-
26 sary to effectuate the requirements of this subdivision.

27 e. For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms shall have
28 the following meanings:

29 (i) "Commissioner" shall mean the commissioner of the office of gener-
30 al services.

31 (ii) "Disability" shall have the same meaning as provided in subdivi-
32 sion twenty-one of section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law.

33 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
34 ing the date upon which it shall have become a law and shall apply to
35 all contracts with the state entered into on or after such effective
36 date; provided, however that the amendments to section 163 of the state
37 finance law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal
38 of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.