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Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, GOUNARDES -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to establish the "make our schools safer" commission to produce protocols on how to make schools in New York safer from school shootings and bombers; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. A commission, to be known as the make our schools safer
2 commission, is hereby created to produce protocols on the effectiveness
3 of different technologies on reducing casualties in a school shooter or
4 bomber event including, but not limited to, bulletproof glass and doors,
5 auto locking technologies, lockdown systems and barricades. The commis-
6 sion shall also include the feasibility and cost to implement such tech-
7 nology in schools.

8 § 2. The commission shall be composed of ten members, appointed as
9 follows: two members shall be appointed by the governor; two members
10 shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly; two members shall be
11 appointed by the minority leader of the assembly; two members shall be
12 appointed by the temporary president of the senate; and two members
13 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate. The commission
14 shall be chaired by a person chosen by a majority vote at the first
15 meeting of the commission. The vice-chairperson of the commission shall
16 be appointed by the chairperson. Vacancies in the membership of the
17 commission shall be filled in the manner provided for original appoint-
18 ments.

19 § 3. The commission shall be made up of at least one member of law
20 enforcement who specializes in school shooting and bombing events, at
21 least one teacher, at least one parent of a student at a New York public
22 school, at least one school administrator, at least one engineer who

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

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1 specializes in technologies to be studied by the commission and at least
2 one engineer who specializes in schools.

3 § 4. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for
4 their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses
5 incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder. To the maximum
6 extent feasible, the commission shall be entitled to request and receive
7 and shall utilize and be provided with such facilities, resources, and
8 data of any court, department, division, board, bureau, commission, or
9 agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof as it deems
10 necessary or desirable to carry out properly its powers and duties here-
11 under.

12 § 5. For the accomplishment of its purposes, the commission shall be
13 authorized and empowered to undertake any studies, inquiries, surveys or
14 analyses it may deem relevant in cooperation with or by agreement with
15 any other public or private agency. The commission shall meet and hold
16 public hearings or private meetings within or without the state, and
17 shall have all the powers of a legislative committee pursuant to the
18 legislative law.

19 § 6. The commission shall report its findings, conclusions and recom-
20 mendations to the governor and the legislature no later than one year
21 after the effective date of this act.

22 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
23 deemed repealed two years after it shall have become a law.