STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to an annual joint report on the financial and operational practices of any state authority whose purpose is to operate commuter transportation within the metropolitan commuter transportation district

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

Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 8 to read as follows:

§ 8. Joint report. (a) Beginning June first, two thousand twenty-four, the department of audit and control and the authorities budget office shall formulate an annual joint report on the financial and operational practices of any state authority whose purpose is to operate commuter transportation within the metropolitan commuter transportation district. Such report shall include a review of such practices and recommendations for improvement of operations with the goal of making services more efficient and cost effective. No later than December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-four, such report shall be completed and submitted to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the assembly minority leader, the temporary president of the senate, the senate minority leader, and any state authorities which are subjects of the report.

(b) Any authority who is a subject of a report shall submit all documents requested by the department of audit and control or the authorities budget office within thirty days from such request.

(c) Upon completion of the report, the head of the public authority which the letter or report was about, shall submit a written response acknowledging receipt of the letter or report within thirty days of the receipt of the report. If the report created by the department of audit and control and the authorities budget office makes recommendations for corrective action, such head of the public authority shall issue a writ-

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

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ten report within one hundred eighty days after receipt thereof to the department of audit and control, the authorities budget office, the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the assembly minority leader, the temporary president of the senate, and the senate minority leader, containing which steps were taken to implement such recommendations, and, where recommendations were not implemented, the reasons therefor. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall make the authority delinquent in its reporting requirements.

(d) Upon receipt of the head of the authority's response to the report, the governor shall make a written determination within sixty days as to whether any recommendations for corrective action not taken by the authority should be implemented by the authority and issue an order for them to do so.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.