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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Banks -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the banking law, in relation to creating a banking development district working group; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The banking law is amended by adding a new section 96-dd to read as follows:

§ 96-dd. Banking development district working group. 1. A banking development district working group is hereby established to assess and provide recommendations and future goals for the banking development district program created under section ninety-six-d of this article. The superintendent shall impose an assessment on bank branches located within banking development districts to cover all costs associated with this work group.

2. The banking district working group shall include the following individuals or their representatives, the superintendent, the state comptroller, the New York city comptroller, the commissioner of the New York city department of finance, the commissioner of empire state development, the chair of the senate banks committee, the chair of the senate commerce, economic development and small business committee, the chair of the assembly banks committee and the chair of the banking in underserved communities subcommittee.

3. No later than one year after the effective date of this section, the working group shall provide an assessment of the current state of the banking development district program to the governor and the legislature, including, but not limited to the following information:

a. the number of participating banking development district branches and where such branches are located;

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

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b. ways the program is helping to serve the unbanked and underbanked as defined in subdivision one-a of section ninety-six-d of this article;

c. the strengths and weaknesses of the program; and

d. necessary measures that should be taken to build upon the strengths of the program and eliminate identified weaknesses.

4. Annually thereafter, such working group shall continue to provide an assessment of the banking development district program to the governor and the legislature. Along with the information required under subdivision three of this section, such assessment shall provide future goals for the program that shall be incorporated in the upcoming year to continue strengthening such program.

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 96-d of the banking law is amended by adding a new paragraph (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) the numbers of unbanked and underbanked individuals within the district;

§ 3. Section 96-d of the banking law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

1-a. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

a. "unbanked" shall mean an individual not served by an insured institution in any capacity; and

b. "underbanked" shall mean an individual with an account at an insured institution but who has obtained alternative, nonbank, financial services in the past twelve months.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed 2 years after such date.