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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MATTERA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT in relation to establishing the climate leadership and community protection act cost task force

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

Section 1. Climate leadership and community protection act cost task force. 1. There is hereby created, within the New York state energy research and development authority, a climate leadership and community protection act cost task force, which shall consist of fourteen members to be appointed as follows:

(a) The president of the New York state energy research and development authority or their designee;

(b) The commissioner of environmental conservation or their designee;

(c) The commissioner of the department of public service or their designee;

(d) The president of the New York power authority or their designee;

(e) One member to be appointed by the governor;

(f) One member to be appointed by the temporary president of the senate;

(g) One member to be appointed by the speaker of the assembly;

(h) One member to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

(i) One member to be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly;

(j) One member to be appointed by the New York energy coalition;

(k) One member to be appointed by the independent power producers of New York;

(l) One member to be appointed by New York independent system operator;

(m) One member to be appointed by the business council of New York state; and

(n) One member to be appointed by the largest group representing ratepayers.

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

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2. The at-large members shall have expertise in one or more of the following areas: utility management, electrical engineering, economics, finance, electrical infrastructure development, or power production.

3. Task force members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

4. The chairperson of the task force shall be voted on by the task force members. The task force shall meet no less than six times and at other times at the call of the chairperson.

5. All members shall be appointed no later than sixty days following the effective date of this act. Any vacancies on the task force shall be filled in the manner provided for in the initial appointment.

6. The task force shall be authorized to hold public hearings and meetings to enable it to accomplish its duties.

7. The task force may consult with any organization, educational institution, other government entity or agency or person in the development of its report required by subdivision 10 of this section.

8. The New York state energy research and development authority shall provide the task force with such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the task force to carry out its powers and duties. Additionally, all other agencies of the state or subdivisions thereof shall, at the request of the chairperson, provide the task force with such facilities, assistance, and data as will enable the task force to carry out its powers and duties.

9. The purpose of the climate leadership and community protection act cost task force shall be to study the impact on taxpayers and ratepayers of the implementation of the mandates set forth by the climate leadership and community protection act (CLCPA) including, but not limited to:

(a) the impact on monthly bills for ratepayers;

(b) the total cost of spending by the state of New York to meet CLCPA mandates;

(c) the total cost of any tax credits to state revenues;

(d) the cost to municipalities for infrastructure development needed to meet electrification requirements;

(e) the cost for businesses to convert manufacturing processes to meet emissions goals; and

(f) the cost to school districts to convert school buses to electric and to adopt renewable energy power sources.

10. No later than December 31, 2025 the task force shall submit to the governor and the legislature a report detailing its findings and provide recommendations for legislation to implement its recommendations.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.