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Introduced by M. of A. ROMERO, McDONALD, STECK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT directing the empire state development corporation, in conjunction with the office of general services, to create plans for the development of mixed-use commercial and residential property on a certain portion of the Harriman campus, and for redesign of the Harriman campus

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

Section 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. "Harriman campus" means the W. Averell Harriman state office building campus located in Albany, New York.

2. "Wadsworth project" means the New York state life sciences public health laboratory project on an approximately 27-acre site on the southeastern portion of the Harriman campus.

§ 2. Mixed-use property at Harriman campus. 1. At least 7 acres of surface parking or underutilized contiguous space within the Wadsworth project site shall be set aside for commercial and retail development until the completion of the master plan pursuant to section three of this act. Empire state development corporation, in conjunction with the office of general services, shall conduct a development study to develop such set aside area within the Wadsworth project site into mixed-use commercial and residential property.

2. Empire state development corporation, in conjunction with the office of general services, shall complete and publish the development study conducted under subdivision one of this section, no later than 180 days after the effective date of this act, provided that it shall publish a draft study for public review and comment for a minimum of 45

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

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days prior to publishing the final development study, which shall respond to substantive comments raised during such public comment period.

§ 3. Redesign of Harriman campus. 1. Empire state development corporation, in conjunction with the office of general services, shall create a master plan for a redesign of the Harriman campus. Such a plan shall include but not be limited to: (a) the identification of sites on the Harriman campus for mixed-use commercial and retail development; (b) the repurposing or redesign of portions of the ring road surrounding the campus; (c) an analysis of parking needs in surface lots; and (d) the infrastructure needed to support the Wadsworth Project and the mixed-use commercial and retail development pursuant to section two of this act.

2. The master plan created under subdivision one of this section shall prioritize: (a) the integration and connectivity of the Harriman campus with surrounding neighborhoods in the city of Albany; (b) the development of workforce and low-to-middle-income housing; and (c) the development of infrastructure needed to further the utilization of multi-modal transportation.

3. Empire state development corporation, in conjunction with the office of general services, shall complete and publish the master plan created under subdivision one of this section no later than one year after the effective date of this act, provided that it shall publish a draft plan for public review and comment for a minimum of 45 days prior to publishing the finalized master plan, which shall respond to substantive comments raised during such public comment period.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.