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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Use Disorders

AN ACT in relation to establishing the fentanyl abuse and overdose prevention task force; 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 legislature hereby establishes the fentanyl abuse and overdose prevention task force, referred to hereinafter as the "task force" to conduct a comprehensive study on fentanyl abuse and overdose prevention and to report on the findings and recommendations of the task force.

§ 2. Such task force shall consist of sixteen members with demonstrated experience in issues relating to the work of the task force. The members of the task force shall be appointed as follows:

(a) three members shall be appointed by the governor;

(b) two members shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate;

(c) two members shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly;

(d) one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly;

(e) one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

(f) one member shall be the commissioner of health or their designee;

(g) one member shall be the commissioner of the office of mental health or their designee;

(h) one member shall be the commissioner of the office of addiction services and supports or their designee;

(i) one member shall be the president of the district attorney's association of the state of New York or their designee;

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

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(j) one member shall be the superintendent of the state police or their designee;

(k) one member shall be the president of the New York state association of counties or their designee; and

(l) one member shall be the president of the medical society of New York state or their designee.

§ 3. The task force shall be chaired by a member appointed by the governor. The members of the task force shall elect a vice-chair and other necessary officers from among all appointed members. A majority of the members of the task force then in office shall constitute a quorum. The task force shall meet at least quarterly at the call of the chair. Meetings may be held via teleconference. Special meetings may be called by the chair at the request of a majority of the members of the task force. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in the work of the task force.

§ 4. Appointments shall be made within 60 days of the effective date of this act. Any vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in the same manner provided for in the initial appointment.

§ 5. The task force may consult with any organization, government entity, or person, in the development of its report required under section six of this act.

§ 6. On or before one year after the effective date of this act, the task force shall submit to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of the assembly a report containing the findings and recommendations of the task force.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire 2 years after it shall have become a law when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed.