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Introduced by M. of A. CHANG, E. BROWN, MANKTELOW, ANGELINO, BENDETT, GRAY, BLANKENBUSH, NORBER, McDONOUGH, BEEPHAN, LEMONDES, SMULLEN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT in relation to establishing the organized militia as public employees working group; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. 1. No later than six months after the effective date of this act, the division of military and naval affairs shall establish the organized militia as public employees working group. Such working group shall be comprised of no more than three representatives from each of the following categories: veteran organizations, the office of the state comptroller, the New York state and local retirement system, the division of military and naval affairs, the department of civil service, and the department of labor. The working group shall examine:

(a) the potential costs and benefits of designating members of the New York state organized militia as public employees;

(b) relevant limitations or stipulations if members of the organized militia are designated public employees while serving on active duty;

(c) any regulatory or legislative reforms needed to facilitate such designation; and

(d) potential consequences to the New York state and local retirement system, the military pension system, and any other fiscal or actuarial consequences arising from designating members of the organized militia as public employees.

2. (a) The working group shall issue its preliminary findings and policy recommendations no later than one year from the effective date of this act. Upon issuing such preliminary findings and policy recommendations, the working group shall allow public comment on the preliminary

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

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findings and policy recommendations for a period of not less than sixty days.

(b) Upon the closure of the public comment period, the working group shall, where appropriate, take into consideration public comments for the purpose of revising its preliminary findings and policy recommendations. Such revisions shall be completed, and final findings and policy recommendations shall be issued to the public, no later than one hundred eighty days from the date such public comment period closes.

(c) The working group shall share its final findings and policy recommendations with the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate, and the minority leader of the assembly as soon thereafter as practicably possible.

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