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Introduced by M. of A. GONZALEZ-ROJAS, MAHER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services -- recommitted to the Committee on Social Services in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the composition of the interagency task force on human trafficking

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

Section 1. Subdivisions (a) and (c) of section 483-ee of the social services law, subdivision (a) as amended by chapter 498 of the laws of 2025 and subdivision (c) as amended by chapter 413 of the laws of 2016, are amended to read as follows:

(a) There is established an interagency task force on trafficking in persons, which shall consist of the following members or their designees: (1) the commissioner of the division of criminal justice services; (2) the commissioner of the office of temporary and disability assistance; (3) the commissioner of health; (4) the commissioner of the office of mental health; (5) the commissioner of labor; (6) the commissioner of the office of children and family services; (7) the commissioner of the office of addiction services and supports; (8) the director of the office of victim services; (9) the executive director of the office for the prevention of domestic violence; (10) the superintendent of the division of state police; (11) the secretary of state; (12) the commissioner of the department of transportation; (13) the commissioner of the department of motor vehicles; (14) the executive director of the New York state thruway authority; **(15) the commissioner of education** and the following additional members, who shall be promptly appointed by the governor, each for a term of two years, provided that such person's membership shall continue after such two year term until a successor is appointed and provided, further, that a member may be reappointed if

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

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again recommended in the manner specified in this subdivision: [~~(15)~~] (16) two members, who shall be appointed on the recommendation of the temporary president of the senate; [~~(16)~~] (17) two members, who shall be appointed on the recommendation of the speaker of the assembly; (18) two members, who shall be appointed on the recommendation of the minority leader of the assembly; (19) two members, who shall be appointed on the recommendation of the minority leader of the senate; [~~(17)~~] (20) two members, who shall be appointed on the recommendation of the not-for-profit organization in New York state that receives the largest share of funds, appropriated by and through the state budget, for providing services to victims of human trafficking, as shall be identified annually in writing by the director of the budget; (21) one member, who has been identified as a survivor of human trafficking by the office of temporary and disability assistance and division of criminal justice services; and [~~(18)~~] (22) one member, who shall be appointed on the recommendation of the president of the New York state bar association; and others as may be necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities under this section. The task force will be co-chaired by the commissioners of the division of criminal justice services and the office of temporary and disability assistance, or their designees. It shall meet as often as is necessary, but no less than three times per year, with at least two meetings being open for public viewing and participation, and under circumstances as are appropriate to fulfilling its duties under this section. The task force shall be deemed a public body for the purpose of article seven of the public officers law, and meetings shall be subject to open meetings requirements of such article. All members shall be provided with written notice reasonably in advance of each meeting with date, time and location of such meeting. Further, it shall post meeting agendas and meeting minutes on the task force's dedicated webpage on the office of temporary and disability assistance website.

(c) The task force shall provide a report on its activities and efforts from the immediately preceding year to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate and the minority leader of the senate [~~no less than annually~~] by no later than March first, two thousand twenty-seven, and annually thereafter, and it shall additionally issue such reports and recommendations as it deems necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivisions (a) and (c) of section 483-ee of the social services law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed to be repealed therewith.