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Introduced by Sens. PERSAUD, MARTINEZ, MURRAY, SCARCELLA-SPANTON, WEBB -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to expanding the membership of the interagency task force on trafficking in persons

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

Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 483-ee of the social services law, as amended by chapter 496 of the laws of 2023, is 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;** 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 again recommended in the manner specified in this subdivision: [~~(12)~~] **(15)** two members, who shall be appointed on the recommendation of the temporary president of the senate; [~~(13)~~] **(16)**

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

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two members, who shall be appointed on the recommendation of the speaker of the assembly; [~~(14)~~] (17) 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; and [~~(15)~~] (18) 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, and under circumstances as are appropriate to fulfilling its duties under this section. All members shall be provided with written notice reasonably in advance of each meeting with date, time and location of such meeting.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that the amendments to 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 repealed therewith.