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Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business

AN ACT to establish the office of nonprofit development within the empire state development corporation

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

Section 1. 1. Definitions. As used in this act:

a. "director" means the director of the office of nonprofit development;

b. "nonprofit organization" means an organization described in section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

c. "office" means the office of nonprofit development created by this act.

2. Office of nonprofit development. The office of nonprofit development is hereby created within the empire state development corporation to have and exercise the functions, powers and duties provided by the provisions of this act and any other provision of law.

3. Director. The head of the office shall be the director of the office. The director shall be appointed by the governor and shall receive a salary to be fixed by the governor within the amounts appropriated therefor. The director shall report to the commissioner of empire state development.

a. The director may, from time to time, create, abolish, transfer and consolidate units within the office not expressly established by law as the director may determine necessary for the efficient operation of the office, subject to the approval of the commissioner of empire state development.

b. The director may appoint assistants, and other officers and employees, committees and consultants as the director may deem necessary, prescribe their powers and duties, fix their compensation within the

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

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amounts appropriated therefor, subject to the approval of the commissioner of empire state development and the director of the budget.

c. The director may request and receive from any department, division, board, bureau, commission or other agency of the state any information and non-financial resources that will enable the office to properly carry out its functions, powers and duties. Requests for assistance from such entities shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner of empire state development.

4. Functions, powers and duties. The office shall have the following functions, powers and duties:

a. to assist nonprofit organizations with business development, capacity building and technical support;

b. to provide financial education to nonprofit organizations, including education relating to accounting and reporting requirements, cash flow management, loan and borrowing procedures, and applicable grant and award programs;

c. to advise nonprofit organizations about fund-raising measures, techniques and reporting requirements;

d. to provide nonprofit organizations with access to mentorship programs, leadership training programs and job development programs, including advice as to the hiring and training of nonprofit staff; and

e. to periodically coordinate with the New York State Nonprofit Unit regarding the interpretation and clarification of state regulations.

5. Report. On or before September thirtieth of each year, the office shall submit a report to the commissioner of empire state development setting forth the following:

a. the number of nonprofit organizations accessing the office's services;

b. aggregate information regarding the nature and populations served by nonprofit organizations accessing the office's services;

c. aggregate information regarding the types of services provided to nonprofit organizations accessing the office's services;

d. aggregate information regarding grant and/or award funding obtained by nonprofit organizations with the assistance of the office; and

e. recommendations of the office as to how to better serve nonprofit organizations.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.