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Introduced by Sen. McDONALD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

AN ACT to direct the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities to study and report upon the cost to the state for the early diagnosis and long-term treatment of autism spectrum disorder

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities, the commissioner of education, the commissioner of health, the commissioner of the office of children and family services and the commissioner of mental health shall cause a study to be performed on the costs to the state for the early diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and the long-term treatment of individuals with autism spectrum disorder. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, a projected estimate of future cost to the state associated with state services that will be needed to accommodate the growth in the number of individuals being diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

S 2. On or before April 1, 2013, the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities, the commissioner of education, the commissioner of health, the commissioner of the office of children and family services and the commissioner of mental health shall deliver a copy of the findings of the study conducted pursuant to section one of this act and any legislative recommendations he or she deems to be necessary to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the mental health and developmental disabilities committee of the senate, and the chair of the mental health committee of the assembly.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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