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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to directing the commissioner of education to evaluate and report on early childhood education in day care centers

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 43 to read as follows:
3 43. A. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE
4 OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH,
5 SHALL EXAMINE, EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EARLY CHILD-
6 HOOD EDUCATION IN DAY CARE CENTERS, INCLUDING GROUP AND DAY CARE. THE
7 DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW AND ANALYZE THE FOLLOWING: EXISTING REQUIREMENTS
8 FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN ZERO TO FIVE YEARS OLD IN ALL
9 DAY CARE SETTINGS; A SURVEY OF EXISTING STATEWIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCA-
10 TIONAL INITIATIVES; EDUCATIONAL/TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF ALL DAY CARE
11 EMPLOYEES SUPERVISING CHILDREN; HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO
12 CHILDREN IN DAY CARE SETTINGS; AND ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL DAY CARE
13 FUNDING STREAMS.
14 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOU-
15 SAND TWELVE, REPORT ITS FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
16 GOVERNOR, LEGISLATURE AND BOARD OF REGENTS. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE
17 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING THE DAY CARE SYSTEM TO PROVIDE COMMU-
18 NITY BASED CARE WITH A FOCUS ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.
19 S 2. 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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