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AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring the commissioner of mental health to define a career path for direct support professionals

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

1 Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section
2 16.39 to read as follows:
3 S 16.39 CAREER PATH FOR DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS. NOTWITHSTANDING
4 ANY GENERAL OR SPECIAL LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER, IN
5 CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL AND STATE EXPERTS, SHALL CREATE A PUBLIC WORK-
6 FORCE INITIATIVE TO DEFINE A CAREER PATH MODEL FOR DIRECT SUPPORT
7 PROFESSIONALS BY BLENDING BEST PRACTICE LEARNING INITIATIVES INCLUDING
8 THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA'S COLLEGE OF DIRECT SUPPORT AND NEW YORK
9 STATE DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES. FOR PROVIDER ORGANIZA-
10 TIONS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT ONE-DAY REGIONAL LEARNING SEMINARS
11 ON THE TREND OF DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED SERVICES TOWARD COMPETENCY
12 BASED TRAINING, THE ROLE AND VALUE OF SKILL MENTORS, AND FACILITATING
13 DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT.
14 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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