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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing the infant recovery centers pilot program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section
2 2509-d to read as follows:

3 § 2509-d. Infant recovery centers pilot program. There shall be
4 established an infant recovery centers pilot program whereby the commis-
5 sioner, in consultation with the commissioner of addiction services and
6 supports, shall establish at least four infant recovery centers in areas
7 of need in the state. Such centers shall provide cost effective, neces-
8 sary services and enhance the quality of care for targeted populations
9 in order to demonstrate the effectiveness of such program. Eligible
10 infants shall be under one year of age and suffer from withdrawal
11 resulting from in utero exposure to drugs. Such infant withdrawal may be
12 the result of conditions including, but not limited to, neonatal absti-
13 nence syndrome. The program shall provide more appropriate settings and
14 cost effective care for these infants than hospitals, while also provid-
15 ing supports and services to parents preparing to bring their infants
16 home. Access to such supports shall continue for a period after the
17 infant has left a center.

18 The department shall be responsible for monitoring the quality, appro-
19 priateness and effectiveness of the centers and shall report to the
20 legislature within one year of the establishment of the infant recovery
21 centers and again within two years of the effective date of this section
22 on the program's effectiveness.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire and be
24 deemed repealed 4 years after such date.

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

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