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Introduced by M. of A. ANGELINO, BRABENEC, DeSTEFANO, DURSO, GIGLIO, LEMONDES, McDONOUGH, MILLER, MORINELLO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT requiring the department of labor and the office for people with developmental disabilities to conduct a study and report on the wages earned by aides to the developmentally disabled

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

Section 1. The commissioner of the department of labor, in consultation with the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities, hereinafter the "commissioners," and any other department, division, board, bureau, commission, agency or public authority of the state or any political subdivision thereof deemed necessary by the commissioners shall prepare a comprehensive study and report on the wages earned by individuals who help, support, assist, and/or work with the developmentally disabled, hereinafter referred to as "aides". Such study shall include, but not be limited to the following information about each aide: hourly wage earned, approximate yearly salary earned, highest level of education completed, certifications held, experience, and geographic location.

§ 2. The commissioners shall publish such report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate, the minority leader of the assembly, and the chairs of the senate and assembly mental health and labor committees no later than December 31, 2025.

§ 3. Upon receiving the report and recommendation, the governor and legislature shall determine and publish an appropriate base wage for aides to the developmentally disabled no later than March 31, 2026. This base wage shall be funded through reimbursements from Medicaid and any other funds as determined by the director of the division of the budget.

§ 4. 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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