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Introduced by M. of A. RAGA, EPSTEIN, ALVAREZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT directing the chief administrative judge of the New York unified court system to conduct a study on the office of court administration's housing court guardian ad litem program

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

1 Section 1. The chief administrative judge of the New York unified
2 court system, in consultation with New York state courts access to
3 justice program, the unified court system's guardian and fiduciary
4 services office, the housing part of the New York city civil court, New
5 York city human resources administration and any other department, divi-
6 sion, board, bureau, commission, agency or public authority of the state
7 or any political subdivision thereof deemed necessary by the commission-
8 ers, shall prepare a comprehensive study and report on the access to
9 justice program's housing court guardian ad litem program. Such study
10 shall include an analysis of: (1) the total amount of guardians ad litem
11 appointed in New York state during fiscal years ending in 2025 and 2026;
12 (2) the number of guardian ad litem appointments which have been reim-
13 bursed, whether by municipal, state, or federal agencies or charitable
14 private or religious organizations; (3) an accounting of all funding
15 streams and budget allocations specifically identified for the guardian
16 ad litem program; (4) an analysis of current guardian ad litem compen-
17 sation and proposals for guardian ad litem compensation structure to
18 better incentivize guardian ad litem recruitment and retention.

19 § 2. The chief administrative judge of the New York unified court
20 system shall publish such report to the governor, the temporary presi-
21 dent of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of
22 the senate, and the minority leader of the assembly, no later than the
23 first day of July of the year succeeding the date on which this act
24 shall have become a law.

25 § 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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