STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. FORREST -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing the immigrant in-home child care training act; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "immigrant in-home child care training act".

§ 2. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds and declares the following:

1. Access to affordable, high-quality child care is essential for working families and economic mobility in New York State;

2. Immigrant communities often face barriers to accessing culturally and linguistically appropriate child care options;

3. Many immigrants possess the skills and experience to provide home-based child care but lack the necessary training and support to navigate licensing and regulatory requirements;

4. Expanding opportunities for immigrants to establish licensed in-home daycare services will promote economic self-sufficiency and small business development;

5. The New York State Office for New Americans is uniquely positioned to coordinate with its network of service providers to deliver targeted training and technical assistance;

6. Collaboration with the New York State Child Care Coordinating Council, the Office of Children and Family Services, and other relevant agencies will ensure that training aligns with state regulations and best practices for home-based child care; and

7. Establishing a pilot program to provide training for immigrants will allow the state to assess the program's impact and effectiveness;

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

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§ 3. Section 94-b of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. Immigrant in-home child care training pilot program. (a) There is hereby established within the office, in coordination with its service provider network and relevant state agencies, a three-year pilot program to be known as the immigrant in-home child care training program to provide training, technical assistance, and other support to immigrants seeking to establish licensed in-home daycare services.

(b) The office shall coordinate with its service provider network to deliver training and technical assistance under the program.

(c) In creating and implementing the pilot program, the office shall collaborate with the New York state child care coordinating council as well as other state agencies responsible for childcare regulation, including but not limited to the office of children and family services.

(d) The office shall select counties or regions in which to offer the program; provided, however, that the selection of counties or regions offering the program shall be based on criteria developed by the office, in coordination with the New York state child care coordinating council, and shall prioritize counties or regions containing significant immigrant populations, as well as shortages in childcare providers.

(e) Services offered under the program shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) Training to cover regulatory requirements, licensing, safety standards, curriculum development, business management, and financial literacy for home-based child care;

(ii) Culturally and linguistically appropriate instruction to ensure accessibility; and

(iii) Availability of mentorship and follow-up support for program participants post-training.

(f) The office shall assess and adjust the program based on feedback and effectiveness.

(g) The office shall submit an annual report to the governor and the legislature detailing program participation, outcomes, and any barriers to implementation.

(h) Funding for the program shall be authorized through:

(i) Existing funding available to the office;

(ii) Existing state allocations for workforce development, small business assistance, and poverty reduction initiatives; and

(iii) Additional allocations to the office as authorized through the state budget process.

(i) The office shall be authorized to accept, as agent of the state, any gift, grant, devise or bequest, whether conditional or unconditional, including but not limited to federal grants, and to use monies made available for the program from any public or private source, for the purpose of implementing the program as set forth in this subdivision.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed three years after such date. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.