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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to recommendations of the traumatic brain injury services coordinating council; and to repeal a chapter of the laws of 2024 directing the commissioner of health and the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities to conduct a study of the delivery of services to individuals with traumatic brain injury, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 1478 and A. 7215

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

1 Section 1. A chapter of the laws of 2024 directing the commissioner of  
2 health and the commissioner of the office for people with developmental  
3 disabilities to conduct a study of the delivery of services to individ-  
4 uals with traumatic brain injury, as proposed in legislative bills  
5 numbers S. 1478 and A. 7215, is REPEALED.

6 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 2744 of the public health law, as added  
7 by chapter 196 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

8 2. (a) The council shall be charged with recommending to the depart-  
9 ment long range objectives, goals and priorities. It shall also provide  
10 advice on the planning, coordination and development of needed services.

11 In making such recommendations, the council shall consider:

12 (i) the availability and accessibility of services for individuals  
13 diagnosed with traumatic brain injury, the cost of receiving such  
14 services, and any disparities that may exist in the regional availabili-  
15 ty of services;

16 (ii) emerging trends in traumatic brain injury, including changes in  
17 incidences, changes in the needs of individuals with traumatic brain  
18 injury, and assess the training service providers receive relating to  
19 traumatic brain injury;

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

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1 (iii) the difference in services availability and outcomes for indi-  
2 viduals that may be enrolled in any Medicaid waiver; and

3 (iv) the efficiency of the administrative processes that provide indi-  
4 viduals with traumatic brain injury official approvals or denials of  
5 service.

6 (b) The council shall post the recommendations developed pursuant to  
7 paragraph (a) of this subdivision on the department's website on or  
8 before one year from the date this paragraph shall take effect and annu-  
9 ally thereafter.

10 § 3. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same  
11 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2024 directing the commissioner of  
12 health and the commissioner of the office for people with developmental  
13 disabilities to conduct a study of the delivery of services to individ-  
14 uals with traumatic brain injury, as proposed in legislative bills  
15 numbers S. 1478 and A. 7215, takes effect.