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Introduced by M. of A. SCHROEDER, P. RIVERA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

AN ACT to direct the commissioner of mental retardation and developmental disabilities to study and report upon the cost to the state for the early diagnosis and long-term treatment of autism spectrum disorder

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The commissioner of mental retardation and developmental disabilities shall cause a study to be performed on the costs to the state for the early diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and the long-term treatment of individuals with autism spectrum disorder. Such study shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) a projected estimate of future cost to the state associated with state services that will be needed to accommodate the growth in the number of individuals being diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder; and

(b) the amount of the current and future costs to the state reasonably expected to be offset by insurance coverage and benefits to individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

S 2. On or before April 1, 2010, the commissioner of mental retardation and developmental disabilities shall deliver a copy of the findings of the study conducted pursuant to section one of this act and any legislative recommendations he or she deems to be necessary to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the mental health and developmental disabilities committee of the senate, and the chair of the mental health committee of the assembly.

S 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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