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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the early rate restructuring work group and early intervention demonstration projects

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding two new sections 2555 and 2555-a to read as follows:

S 2555. EARLY INTERVENTION RATE RESTRUCTURING WORK GROUP. THE COMMISSIONER IS DIRECTED, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICE PROVIDERS AND TO ESTABLISH A WORK GROUP TO REVIEW THE FISCAL DATA COLLECTED AND RECOMMEND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, A REDESIGN OF THE REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEM FOR EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES. FOR APPROVED EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDERS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A CONSOLIDATED FISCAL REPORT (CFR) TO ANOTHER STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT, SUCH AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT SHALL FORWARD TO THE DEPARTMENT SUCH RELEVANT CFR INFORMATION AS MAY BE REQUESTED. FOR APPROVED EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDERS NOT REQUIRED TO FILE A CFR WITH ANOTHER STATE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REQUIRE SUCH INFORMATION AS NECESSARY FOR COMPARABILITY TO CFR INFORMATION. THE WORK GROUP SHALL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF MUNICIPALITIES AS WELL AS STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF PROVIDERS OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE, NO LATER THAN MARCH THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN, THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORK GROUP AND SHALL PREPARE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REDESIGNED REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEM EFFECTIVE FOR THE JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN PROGRAM YEAR.

S 2555-A. EARLY INTERVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, SHALL DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE A

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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH EARLY INTERVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS SO THAT CHILDREN WITH MULTIPLE SERVICE NEEDS CAN RECEIVE SERVICES IN A COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED, COLLABORATIVE, FAMILY-CENTERED APPROACH AND EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY AND REIMBURSEMENT MODELS FOR EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY. THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO REIMBURSE PROVIDERS IN AN ALTERNATIVE MANNER AS APPROVED IN THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SHALL ESTABLISH A MINIMUM OF SIX SUCH EARLY INTERVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS IN AT LEAST FOUR REGIONS OF THE STATE. AT LEAST TWO OF THESE EARLY INTERVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS SHALL BEGIN NO LATER THAN JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF SUCH ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY AND REIMBURSEMENT MODELS ON JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.