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Introduced by M. of A. NOLAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the duties of the commissioner of education with regard to early childhood education

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

1 Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 42 to read as follows:
3 42. A. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OR THE
4 COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN
5 AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY
6 ASSISTANCE AND THE CHAIR OR THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD
7 ADVISORY COUNCIL OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL
8 HEAD START REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF TWO THOUSAND SEVEN, SHALL EXAMINE,
9 EVALUATE, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT
10 OF CHILDREN FROM BIRTH THROUGH FIVE YEARS OF AGE. THE COMMISSIONER
11 SHALL IDENTIFY, REVIEW, ANALYZE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT STATE
12 LAWS AND REGULATIONS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO
13 THE FOLLOWING: REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN FROM BIRTH
14 THROUGH FIVE YEARS OF AGE AT ALL SETTINGS WHICH CARE FOR SUCH CHILDREN
15 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PRE-KINDERGARTEN
16 PROGRAMS, DAY CARE CENTERS AND FAMILY DAY CARE, EARLY INTERVENTION
17 PROGRAMS, SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER RELEVANT SETTINGS;
18 REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES NECESSARY TO THE EDUCATION
19 AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN FROM BIRTH THROUGH FIVE YEARS OF AGE AT
20 SUCH SETTINGS; THE HEALTH, FAMILY SUPPORT AND OTHER SERVICES NECESSARY
21 FOR THE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN FROM BIRTH THROUGH FIVE
22 YEARS OF AGE; REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EDUCATION, CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING
23 OF PERSONNEL IN SUCH SETTINGS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EDUCATION,
24 DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES AND SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN FROM BIRTH THROUGH
25 FIVE YEARS OF AGE INCLUDING TEACHERS, TEACHER ASSISTANTS AND DAY CARE
26 PROVIDERS, DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES; AND THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND

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

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1 LOCAL FUNDING STREAMS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AT PUBLIC AND
2 NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS, DAY CARE CENTERS AND
3 FAMILY DAY CARE AND OTHER RELEVANT SETTINGS.
4 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMEN-
5 DATIONS WITHIN EIGHT MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION TO
6 THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE
7 ASSEMBLY, THE CHAIRS OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION,
8 THE CHAIRS OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES ON CHILDREN AND FAMI-
9 LIES, THE CHAIRS OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES ON SOCIAL
10 SERVICES AND THE CHAIRS OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES ON HEALTH.
11 THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING ACCESS TO AND
12 THE QUALITY OF EDUCATIONAL, DEVELOPMENTAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS
13 AND SERVICES AT ALL SETTINGS WHERE SUCH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ARE
14 PROVIDED TO CHILDREN FROM BIRTH THROUGH FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND THE
15 CONSOLIDATION OF FUNDING, OVERSIGHT AND ENFORCEMENT FOR SUCH PROGRAMS
16 AND SERVICES.
17 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.