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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing "child stat" the children's disease tracking system program

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

Section 1. Article 25 of the public health law is amended by adding a new title 9 to read as follows:

TITLE IX

"CHILD STAT" THE

CHILDREN'S DISEASE TRACKING SYSTEM PROGRAM

SECTION 2599-E. "CHILD STAT" THE CHILDREN'S DISEASE TRACKING SYSTEM PROGRAM; ESTABLISHMENT.

2599-F. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT.

2599-G. POWERS OF COMMISSIONER.

S 2599-E. "CHILD STAT" THE CHILDREN'S DISEASE TRACKING SYSTEM PROGRAM; ESTABLISHMENT. "CHILD STAT" THE CHILDREN'S DISEASE TRACKING SYSTEM PROGRAM IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. SUCH PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED TO ENABLE POLICY MAKERS AND HEALTH PRACTITIONERS TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS WHEN FORMULATING POLICIES THAT AFFECT CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

S 2599-F. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. 1. THE PROGRAM SHALL BE DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY CLUSTERS OF DISEASES AND THEIR CAUSES, AND TO HELP MAKE INFORMED POLICY DECISIONS THAT AFFECT CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

2. THE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE, BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO:

(A) A DISEASE TRACKING NETWORK AMONG FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES TO TRACK THE INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE OF DISEASES AFFECTING CHILDREN; AND

(B) A REGISTRY REQUIRING ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO REPORT INCIDENCES OF CHILDREN AFFECTED BY DISEASES.

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

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3. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, IN THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF DATA REGARDING THE INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE OF DISEASES AFFECTING CHILDREN.

4. DATA TO BE COLLECTED SHALL INCLUDE, BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO:

(A) MEDICAL RECORDS;

(B) EXTENT, TREATMENT AND OUTCOME OF THE ILLNESS;

(C) MORTALITY RATES;

(D) DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION;

(E) LOCATION OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN AFFECTED; AND

(F) INFORMATION FROM SURVEYS AND INTERVIEWS.

S 2599-G. POWERS OF COMMISSIONER. THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADMINISTER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH CONTRACT, WITHIN THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS ALLOCATED AND WITHIN AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED, THE CHILDREN'S DISEASE TRACKING SYSTEM PROGRAM. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ALSO MAKE GRANTS, WITHIN THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE THEREFOR, FOR PROJECTS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.