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Introduced by M. of A. CLARK, GREENE, SCARBOROUGH, MAYERSOHN, BALL -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ABBATE, CANESTRARI, COLTON, DIAZ, DINOWITZ, GALEF, HOOPER, JACOBS, JOHN, KAVANAGH, LIFTON, McENENY, NOLAN, PHEFFER, SWEENEY, WEINSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the New York state prohibition of female genital mutilation act, in relation to requiring an annual report

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

Section 1. Section 3 of chapter 618 of the laws of 1997, constituting the New York state prohibition of female genital mutilation act, is amended to read as follows:

S 3. The [department of social services] OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES and the department of health upon completion of a study of the health risks, emotional trauma and dangers associated with female genital mutilation shall establish and implement appropriate education, preventive and outreach activities in communities that traditionally practice female circumcision, excision, or infibulation, for the purpose of informing such communities of the health risks and emotional trauma inflicted by such practices, and for the purpose of informing such communities and the medical community as to the existence and ramifications of the provisions of section 130.85 of the penal law as added by section two of this act. SUCH OFFICE AND SUCH DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT ON SUCH STUDY AND ON THE ACTIVITIES ESTABLISHED AND IMPLEMENTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE ON OR BEFORE JULY FIRST OF EACH YEAR.

S 2. 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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