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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. FLANAGAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. CONTE, DUPREY, HOYT, KOLB, MOLINARO, RAI, RABBITT, SALADINO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BACALLES, BARCLAY, BURLING, BUTLER, CAHILL, CALHOUN, CROUCH, ERRIGO, FINCH, GABRYSAK, GALEF, GIGLIO, HAWLEY, HAYES, JAFFEE, JORDAN, LAVINE, P. LOPEZ, V. LOPEZ, McDONOUGH, McKEVITT, MILLER, OAKS, QUINN, SAYWARD, SCOZZAFAVA, SPANO, STIRPE, THIELE, TOBACCO, TOWNSEND, WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT directing a study to evaluate the incidence of autism spectrum disorders in New York; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The department of health, in conjunction with the office of
2 mental health, the office of mental retardation and developmental disa-
3 bilities, the commission on quality care and advocacy for persons with
4 disabilities and the state education department shall collaboratively
5 with local entities engage in a study of the incidences of autism spec-
6 trum disorders in New York state. Such study shall include recent clin-
7 ical observations in children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders,
8 environmental factors associated with autism spectrum disorders, the
9 number of children currently receiving services, educational records of
10 affected students and any other topic related to autism spectrum disor-
11 ders which are deemed relevant.

12 S 2. Not later than one year after the effective date of this act, the
13 department of health shall prepare a report setting forth and evaluating
14 the findings of the study. Such report shall include, but need not be
15 limited to:

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

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1 1. an assessment of the extent of the rising incidence of autism spec-
2 trum disorders;
3 2. an assessment and suggestion for improving available options for
4 persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders; and
5 3. an assessment of the success of any local or statewide programs
6 which are engaged in the study and/or treatment of autism spectrum
7 disorders.
8 S 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
9 have become a law, and shall expire and be deemed repealed one year
10 after such effective date.