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Introduced by Sens. HANNON, LARKIN, MORAHAN, VOLKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to create a task force on county public health services to study and make recommendations on the rules and regulations of the department of health relating to the development of essential municipal health services; 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:

Section 1. A task force on county public health services shall be created by the commissioner of health to examine, evaluate and make recommendations concerning the scope of public health services adopted by the department of health as stated in subparts 40-2 and 40-3 of title 10 of the official compilation of codes, rules and regulations of the state of New York, and the municipal health plans established pursuant thereto and pursuant to title 1 of article 6 of the public health law. Such study and recommendations shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) development of a list of optional services for which county health departments are the sole providers;

(b) evaluation of whether any particular service should be reassigned from subpart 40-2 to subpart 40-3 of such title 10;

(c) evaluation of whether any particular service should be reassigned from subpart 40-3 to subpart 40-2 of such title 10;

(d) determination of the need to expand services provided pursuant to title 1 of article 6 of the public health law to include emerging issues;

(e) determination of the need to expand the number of optional services provided pursuant to title 1 of article 6 of the public health law; and

(f) establishment of statewide minimum standards and mechanisms for accountability for effectively administering services provided pursuant to title 1 of article 6 of the public health law.

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

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S 2. The task force on county public health services shall be established within the department of health and shall consist of nine members. The commissioner of health shall be a member of such task force and serve as its chair. The remaining eight members shall be appointed by the commissioner of health. The members of the task force shall all have expertise in the area of public health plans. In addition, the appointed members shall be broadly representative of the geographic areas of the state.

S 3. The members of the task force on county public health services shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this act.

S 4. To the extent feasible, the task force on county public health services shall be entitled to request and receive and shall utilize and be provided with such facilities, resources and data of any court, department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof as it may reasonably request to properly carry out its powers and duties pursuant to this act.

S 5. The task force on county public health services shall make a report to the governor and legislature of its findings, conclusions and recommendations on or before the first of January next succeeding the effective date of this act.

S 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed the second of January next succeeding the effective date of this act.