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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 AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY
5 ASSISTANCE AND THE CHAIR OR THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD
6 ADVISORY COUNCIL OR ITS EQUIVALENT AS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL
7 HEAD START REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF TWO THOUSAND SEVEN, SHALL EXAMINE,
8 EVALUATE, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN FROM BIRTH THROUGH FIVE YEARS OF AGE. THE COMMISSIONER
9 SHALL IDENTIFY, REVIEW, ANALYZE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT STATE
10 LAWS AND REGULATIONS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO
11 THE FOLLOWING: REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN FROM BIRTH
12 THROUGH FIVE YEARS OF AGE AT ALL SETTINGS WHICH CARE FOR SUCH CHILDREN
13 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS, DAY CARE CENTERS AND FAMILY DAY CARE, EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS, SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER RELEVANT
14 SETTINGS; REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES NECESSARY TO THE
15 EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN FROM BIRTH THROUGH FIVE YEARS OF
16 AGE AT SUCH SETTINGS; THE HEALTH, FAMILY SUPPORT AND OTHER SERVICES
17 NECESSARY FOR THE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN FROM BIRTH
18 THROUGH FIVE YEARS OF AGE; REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EDUCATION, CERTIFICATION
19 AND TRAINING OF PERSONNEL IN SUCH SETTINGS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
20 EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES AND SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN FROM BIRTH
21 THROUGH FIVE YEARS OF AGE; REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EDUCATION, CERTIFICATION
22 AND TRAINING OF PERSONNEL IN SUCH SETTINGS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
23 EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES AND SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN FROM BIRTH
24 THROUGH FIVE YEARS OF AGE; REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EDUCATION, CERTIFICATION
25 AND TRAINING OF PERSONNEL IN SUCH SETTINGS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR

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

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