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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Abinanti) --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring the  
commissioner of developmental disabilities to define a career path for  
direct support professionals

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

1     Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section  
2     16.39 to read as follows:  
3     S 16.39 CAREER PATH FOR DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS. NOTWITHSTANDING  
4     ANY PROVISIONS OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONJUNCTION  
5     WITH NATIONAL AND STATE EXPERTS, SHALL CREATE A PUBLIC WORKFORCE INITI-  
6     ATIVE TO DEFINE A CAREER PATH MODEL FOR DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS BY  
7     BLENDING BEST PRACTICE LEARNING INITIATIVES INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF  
8     MINNESOTA'S COLLEGE OF DIRECT SUPPORT AND NEW YORK STATE DIRECT SUPPORT  
9     PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES. FOR PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT  
10    SHALL CONDUCT ONE-DAY REGIONAL LEARNING SEMINARS ON THE TREND OF DEVEL-  
11    OPMENTALLY DISABLED SERVICES TOWARD COMPETENCY BASED TRAINING, THE ROLE  
12    AND VALUE OF SKILL MENTORS, AND FACILITATING DIRECT SUPPORT PROFES-  
13    SIONALS PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT.  
14    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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