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Introduced by M. of A. NOLAN -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to directing the commis-
sioner of education to evaluate and report on early childhood educa-
tion in day care centers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, 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 OF THE
4 OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH,
5 SHALL EXAMINE, EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EARLY CHILD-
6 HOOD EDUCATION IN DAY CARE CENTERS, INCLUDING GROUP AND SMALL DAY CARE
7 CENTERS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW AND ANALYZE THE FOLLOWING: EXISTING
8 REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN ZERO TO FIVE
9 YEARS OLD IN ALL DAY CARE SETTINGS; EDUCATIONAL/TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF
10 ALL DAY CARE EMPLOYEES SUPERVISING CHILDREN; HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
11 AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN IN DAY CARE SETTINGS; AND ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND
12 LOCAL DAY CARE FUNDING STREAMS.
13 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOU-
14 SAND ELEVEN, REPORT ITS FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
15 GOVERNOR, LEGISLATURE AND BOARD OF REGENTS. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE
16 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING THE DAY CARE SYSTEM TO PROVIDE COMMU-
17 NITY BASED CARE WITH A FOCUS ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE
18 CONSOLIDATION OF DAY CARE OVERSIGHT AND ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THE DEPART-
19 MENT.
20 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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