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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:

Section 1. The department of health, in conjunction with the office of mental health, the office for people with developmental disabilities, the commission on quality care and advocacy for persons with disabilities and the state education department shall collaboratively with local entities engage in a study of the incidences of autism spectrum disorders in New York state. Such study shall include recent clinical observations in children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, environmental factors associated with autism spectrum disorders, the number of children currently receiving services, educational records of affected students and any other topic related to autism spectrum disorders which are deemed relevant.

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

1. an assessment of the extent of the rising incidence of autism spectrum disorders;

2. an assessment and suggestion for improving available options for persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders; and

3. an assessment of the success of any local or statewide programs which are engaged in the study and/or treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law, and shall expire and be deemed repealed one year after such effective date.

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

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