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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 ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

 1   Section 1. The department of health, in conjunction with the office of
 2 mental health, the office for people with developmental disabilities,
 3 the commission on quality care and advocacy for persons with disabili-
 4 ties and the state education department shall collaboratively with local
 5 entities engage in a study of the incidences of autism spectrum disor-
 6 ders in New York state. Such study shall include recent clinical obser-
 7 vations in children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, environ-
 8 mental factors associated with autism spectrum disorders, the number of
 9 children currently receiving services, educational records of affected
10 students and any other topic related to autism spectrum disorders which
11 are deemed relevant.
12   S 2. Not later than one year after the effective date of this act, the
13 department of health shall prepare a report setting forth and evaluating
14 the findings of the study. Such report shall include, but need not be
15 limited to:
16   1. an assessment of the extent of the rising incidence of autism spec-
17 trum disorders;
18   2. an assessment and suggestion for improving available options for
19 persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders; and
20   3. an assessment of the success of any local or statewide programs
21 which are engaged in the study and/or treatment of autism spectrum
22 disorders.
23   S 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
24 have become a law, and shall expire and be deemed repealed one year
25 after such effective date.

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