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I N A S S E M B L Y

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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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