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Introduced by Sen. FLANAGAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to directing the commissioner of education to evaluate and report on early childhood education in day care centers

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

Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 42 to read as follows:

42. A. THE COMMISSIONER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, SHALL EXAMINE, EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN DAY CARE CENTERS, INCLUDING GROUP AND SMALL DAY CARE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW AND ANALYZE THE FOLLOWING: EXISTING REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN ZERO TO FIVE YEARS OLD IN ALL DAY CARE SETTINGS; EDUCATIONAL/TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF ALL DAY CARE EMPLOYEES SUPERVISING CHILDREN; HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN IN DAY CARE SETTINGS; AND ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL DAY CARE FUNDING STREAMS.

B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN, REPORTS ITS FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, LEGISLATURE AND BOARD OF REGENTS. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING THE DAY CARE SYSTEM TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY BASED CARE WITH A FOCUS ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE CONSOLIDATION OF DAY CARE OVERSIGHT AND ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

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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