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Introduced by 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 ASSEMBLY, 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.  
4     NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISIONS OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSION-  
5     ER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL AND STATE EXPERTS, SHALL CREATE A  
6     PUBLIC WORKFORCE INITIATIVE TO DEFINE A CAREER PATH MODEL FOR DIRECT  
7     SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS BY BLENDING BEST PRACTICE LEARNING INITIATIVES  
8     INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA'S COLLEGE OF DIRECT SUPPORT AND  
9     NEW YORK STATE DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES. FOR PROVIDER  
10    ORGANIZATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT ONE-DAY REGIONAL LEARNING  
11    SEMINARS ON THE TREND OF DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED SERVICES TOWARD COMPE-  
12    TENCY BASED TRAINING, THE ROLE AND VALUE OF SKILL MENTORS, AND FACILI-  
13    TATING DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS 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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