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Introduced by M. of A. CLARK -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to creating a state  
office of prekindergarten and early learning education

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

1     Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 115 to  
2     read as follows:  
3     S 115. STATE OFFICE OF PREKINDERGARTEN AND EARLY LEARNING EDUCATION.  
4     1. THE STATE OFFICE OF PREKINDERGARTEN AND EARLY LEARNING EDUCATION IS  
5     HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THE INTEGRATION AND  
6     COORDINATION OF EARLY EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY  
7     ENGAGEMENT ACROSS EDUCATION AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS.  
8     2. THE OFFICE WILL MAKE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS TO  
9     ENSURE QUALITY OF PREKINDERGARTEN AND EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS.  
10    3. THE DEPARTMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE, SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY  
11    TO ACCEPT AND RECEIVE ANY GRANTS, AWARDS, APPROPRIATIONS OR OTHER FUNDS  
12    AS MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE. ALL  
13    SUCH FUNDS RECEIVED OR OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
14    BE HELD IN A DISTINCT ACCOUNT OR ACCOUNTS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
15    TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE.  
16    4. THE COMMISSIONER MAY PROMULGATE ANY RULES OR REGULATIONS NECESSARY  
17    TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.  
18    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that any rules  
19    and regulations necessary for the implementation of this act shall be  
20    promulgated and take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after such  
21    effective date.

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

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