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Introduced by Sen. CARLUCCI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

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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