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Introduced by Sens. CARLUCCI, KLEIN, SAVINO, VALESKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to direct the office of children and family services to examine, evaluate and make recommendations on the availability of day care for children; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

- 1 Section 1. The office of children and family services, in consultation  
2 with the department of labor, shall examine, evaluate and make recommen-  
3 dations concerning the availability of day care for children in the  
4 state. Such office shall pay particular attention to the impact of the  
5 lack of necessary day care upon the ability of women in poverty and  
6 those in working families to enter the labor force. The office of chil-  
7 dren and family services shall direct its attention to:
- 8 (a) establishing an inventory of affordable day care for working fami-  
9 lies and those in or near poverty;
  - 10 (b) geographically identifying day care shortage areas on a regional  
11 basis and projections of the future demand for day care based on the  
12 regional birth rates, employment and population growth rates;
  - 13 (c) comparing on a statewide and regional basis, the demand for day  
14 care services over the succeeding 5 years, including whether the  
15 projected growth rate in the day care industry will be sufficient to  
16 meet such future needs;
  - 17 (d) assessing the cost of day care for children on a regional basis;
  - 18 (e) identifying nontraditional child care needs within the state and  
19 regionally for parents who work other than a 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
20 shift or part-time, including those who work night shifts or swing  
21 shifts, and those parents who require early drop off and/or late pick up  
22 services from their child care provider;

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

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1 (f) identifying the transportation concerns and needs of working  
2 parents and those in or near poverty who need to utilize day care, and  
3 identifying policies that would encourage the establishment and opera-  
4 tion of day care providers near mass transportation hubs;

5 (g) identifying policies that would encourage the establishment and  
6 operation of more child day care center providers and increasing the  
7 capacity of existing day care providers;

8 (h) identifying policies that would encourage and facilitate expansion  
9 of quality day care services by neighbors and in communities where the  
10 working poor live or work; and

11 (i) identifying and quantifying those factors that contribute to qual-  
12 ity child day care, are used to identify day care providers who are  
13 committing violations, how such violations are addressed or prevented,  
14 and procedures for establishing quality child day care in those communi-  
15 ties with the greatest needs.

16 S 2. The office of children and family services may request and shall  
17 receive any information from state agencies that is relevant and materi-  
18 al to the study required by section one of this act.

19 S 3. On or before May 1, 2014, the commissioner of children and family  
20 services shall submit a report, to the governor, the temporary president  
21 of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the  
22 senate and the minority leader of the assembly, on the office's find-  
23 ings, conclusions and recommendations, and shall submit therewith such  
24 legislative proposals as the office of children and family services  
25 shall deem necessary to implement its recommendations. In addition,  
26 such office shall make such report available to the public and post it  
27 on the internet website operated by the office.

28 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire and be  
29 deemed repealed May 3, 2014.