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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to creating the child care regulatory review task force

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

1 Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section
2 390-j to read as follows:

3 S 390-J. THE CHILD CARE REGULATORY REVIEW TASK FORCE. 1. DUTIES. (A)
4 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE CHILD CARE REGULATORY
5 REVIEW TASK FORCE SHALL REVIEW PROCESSES AND REGULATORY, STATUTORY AND
6 PROGRAMMATIC REQUIREMENTS, PLACED ON CHILD CARE PROVIDERS WHICH ARE
7 REGULATED BY THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THAT ARE DUPLI-
8 CATIVE OR UNNECESSARY AND CREATE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS FOR CHILD CARE
9 PROVIDERS;

10 (B) HOLD, AT MINIMUM, ONE PUBLIC HEARING TO OBTAIN ORAL AND/OR WRITTEN
11 TESTIMONY FROM INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS;

12 (C) DEVELOP AND PROPOSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE STREAMLINING OF
13 CURRENT PROCESSES AND REQUIREMENTS WHICH ARE IDENTIFIED AS DUPLICATIVE
14 OR BURDENSOME;

15 (D) SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE ANNUAL-
16 LY.

17 2. MEMBERSHIP. (A) THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONSIST OF, AT A MINIMUM, THE
18 COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES; THE COMMIS-
19 SIONER OF THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE; THE COMMIS-
20 SIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW YORK
21 CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

22 (B) THE MEMBERS OF THE CHILD CARE REGULATORY TASK FORCE SHALL NOT
23 RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION. HOWEVER, THE MEMBERS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO
24 REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE
25 PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

26 3. EVERY STATE DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, DIVISION, BOARD, BUREAU, COMMISSION
27 AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT ENTITY SHALL PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE
28 AND/OR INFORMATION TO THE CHILD CARE REGULATORY REVIEW TASK FORCE TO

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

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1 CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES AS AUTHORIZED BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION,
2 UNLESS OTHERWISE PROTECTED BY LAW.

3 4. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY A MEMBER OF THE CHILD CARE REGULATORY
4 REVIEW TASK FORCE WHILE CARRYING OUT ANY DUTIES AS PRESCRIBED IN SUBDI-
5 VISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL ONLY BE UTILIZED IN HIS OR HER CAPACITY
6 AS A MEMBER OF THE CHILD CARE REGULATORY REVIEW TASK FORCE.

7 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.