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

AN ACT in relation to establishing the joint legislative committee on early childhood and learning

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

Section 1. a. There is hereby created the joint legislative committee on early childhood and learning. The committee shall study issues concerning early childhood and school readiness, including but not limited to health care, mental health, parental involvement, family support, child care and early learning. The committee shall solicit input from members of the public, especially those individuals with expertise related to early childhood and school readiness issues, to aid the committee in its work.

b. The committee shall consist of the assembly majority leader, assembly minority leader, senate majority leader, senate minority leader, two members of the assembly appointed by the speaker of the assembly and two members of the senate appointed by the temporary president of the senate. Any vacancies occurring among the members of the committee shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

c. The committee shall (1) hold a hearing on any matter relating to the functions of the committee; (2) identify state policies and actions that, in conjunction with public and private partners and in support of families and communities, can work to achieve conditions of well-being for children; (3) review and make recommendations to align state statutes, regulations, programs, services and budgetary priorities; (4) search for any interdepartmental gaps, inconsistencies and inefficiencies in the implementation or attainment of the state policies and actions; (5) identify any new laws, regulations, programs, services, and budgetary priorities that are needed to ensure and promote desired conditions of well-being for children; (6) serve as an informational

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

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resource for the senate and assembly; and (7) perform other activities, including public awareness.

d. The committee shall have the same powers as other standing or select committees of the legislature.

e. The committee shall submit an annual report to the governor on or before December first of each year.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.