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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER, LINARES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to direct the office for people with developmental disabilities to review and report on state laws and regulations applicable to military families with family members with developmental disabilities; 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. Legislative intent: The legislature finds that it is crit-  
2 ical that we support the military and their families. If a service  
3 member is required to transfer to New York, it is important to minimize  
4 any service disruptions caused by relocations. Being able to ensure that  
5 military families enjoy a continuity of services as it relates to indi-  
6 viduals with developmental disabilities and are aware of the options  
7 available to them in New York ensures that these individuals receive the  
8 services they deserve.

9 S 2. The office for people with developmental disabilities, in consul-  
10 tation with the division of military and naval affairs and the state  
11 education department, is hereby authorized and directed to review exist-  
12 ing laws and regulations applicable to military families in need of  
13 agency services, including those currently residing in New York or who  
14 may move to New York. The review may also include an examination of best  
15 practices used in other states to assist military families who access  
16 developmental disability services. The purpose of the review shall be to  
17 provide recommendations on improving laws, regulations and practices to  
18 better assist such families.

19 S 3. On or before November 11, 2016, the office for people with devel-  
20 opmental disabilities shall deliver a copy of the findings to the Chairs  
21 of the Senate Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

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

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1 and Assembly Committee on Mental Health as well as the respective Fiscal  
2 Chairs in each house.  
3 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire and be  
4 deemed repealed on November 11, 2016.