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Introduced by Sen. CARLUCCI -- 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 shall examine,  
2 evaluate and make recommendations concerning the availability of day  
3 care for children in the state. Such office shall pay particular atten-  
4 tion to the impact of the lack of necessary child day care upon the  
5 ability of women in poverty and those in working families to enter the  
6 labor force. The office of children and family services shall direct its  
7 attention to:
- 8     (a) establishing an inventory of child day care for working families  
9 and those at or near poverty;
- 10    (b) geographically identifying child day care shortage areas on a  
11 regional basis and projections of the future demand for child day care  
12 based on the regional birth rates, employment and population growth  
13 rates;
- 14    (c) comparing on a statewide and regional basis, the demand for child  
15 day care services over the succeeding five years, including whether the  
16 projected growth rate in the child day care industry will be sufficient  
17 to meet such future needs;
- 18    (d) assessing the cost to parents and guardians of day care for chil-  
19 dren on a regional basis, including the availability of government funds  
20 for parents and guardians toward child care costs;
- 21    (e) identifying nontraditional child care needs within the state and  
22 regionally for parents who work other than a 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
23 shift or part-time, including those who work night shifts or swing

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

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1 shifts, and those parents who require early drop off and/or late pick up  
2 services from their child care provider;

3 (f) identifying policies that would encourage the establishment and  
4 operation of more child day care center providers and increasing the  
5 capacity of existing child day care providers;

6 (g) identifying policies that would encourage and facilitate expansion  
7 of quality child day care services by neighbors and in communities where  
8 the working poor live and/or work; and

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

14 S 2. The office of children and family services may request and shall  
15 receive any available information from state agencies that is relevant  
16 and material to the study required by section one of this act.

17 S 3. Within twelve months of the effective date of this act, the  
18 commissioner of children and family services shall submit a report, to  
19 the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the  
20 assembly, the minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of  
21 the assembly, on the office's findings, conclusions and recommendations,  
22 and shall submit therewith such legislative proposals as the office of  
23 children and family services shall deem necessary to implement its  
24 recommendations. In addition, such office shall make such report avail-  
25 able to the public and post it on the internet website operated by the  
26 office.

27 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire and be  
28 deemed repealed one year after it shall take effect.