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Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

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:

Section 1. Legislative intent: The legislature finds that it is critical that we support the military and their families. If a service member is required to transfer to New York, it is important to minimize any service disruptions caused by relocations. Being able to ensure that military families enjoy a continuity of services as it relates to individuals with developmental disabilities and are aware of the options available to them in New York ensures that these individuals receive the services they deserve.

S 2. The office for people with developmental disabilities, in consultation with the division of military and naval affairs, is hereby authorized and directed to review existing laws and regulations applicable to military families in need of agency services, including those currently residing in New York or who may move to New York. The review may also include an examination of best practices used in other states to assist military families who access developmental disability services. The purpose of the review shall be to provide recommendations on improving laws, regulations and practices to better assist such families.

S 3. On or before November 11, 2016, the office for people with developmental disabilities shall deliver a copy of the findings to the Chairs 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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and Assembly Committee on Mental Health as well as the respective Fiscal Chairs in each house.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall expire and be deemed repealed on November 11, 2016.