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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.