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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN -- read once and referred 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:

Section 1. The office of children and family services shall examine, evaluate and make recommendations concerning the availability of day care for children in the state. Such office shall pay particular attention to the impact of the lack of necessary child day care upon the ability of women in poverty and those in working families to enter the labor force. The office of children and family services shall direct its attention to:

(a) establishing an inventory of child day care for working families and those at or near poverty;

(b) geographically identifying child day care shortage areas on a regional basis and projections of the future demand for child day care based on the regional birth rates, employment and population growth rates;

(c) comparing on a statewide and regional basis, the demand for child day care services over the succeeding five years, including whether the projected growth rate in the child day care industry will be sufficient to meet such future needs;

(d) assessing the cost to parents and guardians of day care for children on a regional basis, including the availability of government funds for parents and guardians toward child care costs;

(e) identifying nontraditional child care needs within the state and regionally for parents who work other than a 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. 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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shifts, and those parents who require early drop off and/or late pick up services from their child care provider;

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

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

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

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

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

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