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AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to establishing the autism spectrum disorders advisory board

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section  
2     13.42 to read as follows:  
3     S 13.42 AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS ADVISORY BOARD.  
4     (A) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE OFFICE THE AUTISM SPECTRUM  
5     DISORDERS ADVISORY BOARD. SUCH BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF NINETEEN MEMBERS,  
6     TEN OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED AND NINE OF WHOM SHALL SERVE EX OFFICIO.  
7     OF THE TEN APPOINTED MEMBERS, TWO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR,  
8     TWO SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, TWO  
9     SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, TWO SHALL BE  
10    APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE AND TWO SHALL BE  
11    APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY. OF THE TWO MEMBERS  
12    APPOINTED BY EACH APPOINTING AUTHORITY, ONE MEMBER SHALL HAVE EXPERTISE  
13    OF WORK AS A PROFESSIONAL IN THE FIELD OF AUTISM AND ONE MEMBER SHALL BE  
14    A FAMILY ADVOCATE OR SELF-ADVOCATE IN THE COMMUNITY THAT SUCH ADVOCATE  
15    RESIDES. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATE AGENCIES  
16    SHALL SERVE EX OFFICIO: THE OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISA-  
17    BILITIES; THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH; THE  
18    OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES; THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; THE  
19    DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL; THE COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND  
20    FAMILIES; AND THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR  
21    INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD SHALL BE SELECTED  
22    BY THE GOVERNOR.  
23    (B) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE APPOINTING  
24    AUTHORITY. VACANCIES ON THE BOARD SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS  
25    THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPEN-

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

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1 SATION, BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED  
2 IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES WITHIN AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED THEREFOR.

3 (C) THE BOARD SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING TASKS AND DUTIES:

4 (1) STUDY AND REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORTS AND SERVICES  
5 CURRENTLY BEING PROVIDED TO PEOPLE DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISOR-  
6 DERS;

7 (2) IDENTIFY LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIVITY WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED  
8 TO IMPROVE EXISTING SERVICE SYSTEMS THAT SUPPORT PEOPLE DIAGNOSED WITH  
9 AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS;

10 (3) IDENTIFY METHODS OF IMPROVING INTERAGENCY COORDINATION OF SERVICES  
11 AND MAXIMIZE THE IMPACT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF SERVICES AND AGENCY FUNC-  
12 TIONS; AND

13 (4) SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS MAY BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE MEMBERS OF  
14 THE BOARD.

15 AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR, THE BOARD MAY CONSULT WITH STAKEHOLD-  
16 ERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT ITS TASKS AND DUTIES IN ACCORDANCE  
17 WITH THIS SUBDIVISION.

18 (D) SUCH BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY. SPECIAL MEETINGS MAY BE  
19 CALLED BY THE CHAIR. THE AGENDA AND MEETING PLACE OF ALL REGULAR OR  
20 SPECIAL MEETINGS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN ADVANCE OF  
21 SUCH MEETINGS.

22 (E) THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR,  
23 THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY BY  
24 NO LATER THAN OCTOBER FIRST OF THE YEAR NEXT SUCCEEDING THE EFFECTIVE  
25 DATE OF THIS SECTION AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, SETTING FORTH THE RECOM-  
26 MENDATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL ON MATTERS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF  
27 ITS DUTIES AS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

28 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.