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Introduced by Sen. HAMILTON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to directing the autism spectrum disorders advisory board to identify strategies and methods to improve outreach to minority group members

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 13.42 of the mental hygiene law, as added by chapter 469 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The board shall have the following tasks and duties:

(1) Study and review the effectiveness of supports and services currently being provided to people diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders;

(2) Identify legislative and regulatory activity which may be required to improve existing service systems that support people diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders;

(3) Identify methods of improving interagency coordination of services and maximize the impact and effectiveness of services and agency functions; [~~and~~]

(4) **Identify strategies and methods of improving outreach and coordination of services associated with autism spectrum disorders for minority group members including, but not limited to, African American, Latino and Asian children; and**

(5) Such other matters as may be deemed appropriate by the members of the board.

At the discretion of the chair, the board may consult with stakeholders for the purpose of carrying out its tasks and duties in accordance with this subdivision.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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