STATE OF NEW YORK

IN ASSEMBLY

AN ACT authorizing and directing the commissioner of education to conduct a study on the number of children who are caregivers and how being a caregiver impacts their education

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

1   Section 1. The commissioner of education is hereby authorized and
2 directed to conduct a study on the number of children who are caregivers
3 and how being a caregiver impacts the child's education. "Caregiver
4 children" shall be defined as students with sick, disabled, or elderly
5 relatives that such students care for outside of school. The commission-
6 er of education shall give recommendations based on the study's find-
7 ings. Such study shall include, but not be limited to:
8   (a) the number of caregiver children within the state;
9   (b) the amount of time caregiver children spend caring for relatives;
10   (c) how being a caregiver child impacts the child's education;
11   (d) the circumstances that lead to a child becoming a caregiver child;
12 and
13   (e) any recommendations on how to reduce the negative educational
14 impacts of being a caregiver child.
15   § 2. On or before January 1, 2020, the commissioner of education shall
16 submit a report of his or her findings, conclusions and recommendations
17 to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of
18 the assembly, and the chairs of the senate and assembly committees on
19 education. Such report shall also include such legislative proposals as
20 such commissioner deems necessary to implement his or her recommenda-
21 tions.
22   § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.