

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GALEF -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend a chapter of the laws of 2017, relating to establishing a temporary state commission to study child abuse and neglect prevention, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 233A and A. 5769A, in relation to establishing a temporary state taskforce to study child abuse and neglect prevention

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

1 Section 1. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of a chapter of the laws of  
2 2017, establishing a temporary state commission to study child abuse and  
3 neglect prevention, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 233A and  
4 A. 5769A, are amended to read as follows:

5 Section 1. A temporary state [~~commission~~] taskforce on child abuse and  
6 neglect prevention is hereby established to examine, evaluate and make  
7 recommendations concerning child abuse and neglect prevention efforts in  
8 the state with the goal of preventing child removals, lowering foster  
9 care placements and increasing family reunification.

10 § 2. The [~~commission~~] taskforce shall consist of [~~nine~~] thirteen  
11 members, with adequate geographic representation, to be appointed as  
12 follows: [~~three~~] seven members to be appointed by the governor; three  
13 members to be appointed by the temporary president of the senate; and  
14 three members to be appointed by the speaker of the assembly. The  
15 members shall have demonstrated experience and expertise in the field of  
16 child abuse and neglect prevention. The members of the [~~commission~~]  
17 taskforce shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be  
18 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the  
19 performance of their duties under this act.

20 § 3. The [~~commission~~] taskforce shall meet and may hold public hear-  
21 ings, and may undertake any studies, inquiries, surveys or analyses it  
22 deems relevant in cooperation with or by agreement with any other public  
23 or private agency.

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

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1 § 4. The [~~commission~~] taskforce shall focus on issues related to  
2 improving the delivery of prevention programs statewide, including but  
3 not limited to an examination of the following:

4 (a) best practices that have demonstrated outcomes in lowering the  
5 rate of child abuse and neglect;

6 (b) best practices for identifying and engaging families successfully  
7 in prevention programs, including primary prevention programs;

8 (c) the availability of quality prevention programs, including primary  
9 prevention programs, statewide, including the identification of regions  
10 where such programs are lacking;

11 (d) the availability [~~and adequacy~~] of state funds for prevention,  
12 including primary prevention, including where those funds are allocated  
13 and how they are being utilized; and

14 (e) the extent to which local social services districts are funding  
15 prevention programs, including primary prevention programs, on a  
16 regional basis, and identification of impediments to local funding.

17 § 5. The [~~commission~~] taskforce shall make a report of its findings to  
18 the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of  
19 the assembly no later than [~~one-year~~] two years after the effective date  
20 of this act. Such report shall include any recommendations for any regu-  
21 latory or statutory changes, or changes in funding for prevention  
22 programs.

23 § 2. Section 6 of a chapter of the laws of 2017, establishing a tempo-  
24 rary state commission to study child abuse and neglect prevention, as  
25 proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 233A and A. 5769A, is amended  
26 to read as follows:

27 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
28 deemed repealed [~~two~~] three years after such effective date.

29 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
30 section one of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the  
31 same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2017, establishing a temporary  
32 state commission to study child abuse and neglect prevention, as  
33 proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 233A and A. 5769A, takes  
34 effect.