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AN ACT to establish a temporary state commission to study child abuse and neglect prevention; 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:

1 Section 1. A temporary state commission on child abuse and neglect
2 prevention is hereby established to examine, evaluate and make recommen-
3 dations concerning child abuse and neglect prevention efforts in the
4 state with the goal of preventing child removals, lowering foster care
5 placements and increasing family reunification.

6 § 2. The commission shall consist of nine members, with adequate
7 geographic representation, to be appointed as follows: three members to
8 be appointed by the governor; three members to be appointed by the
9 temporary president of the senate; and three members to be appointed by
10 the speaker of the assembly. The members shall have demonstrated experi-
11 ence and expertise in the field of child abuse and neglect prevention.
12 The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their
13 services, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary
14 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties under this act.

15 § 3. The commission shall meet and may hold public hearings, and may
16 undertake any studies, inquiries, surveys or analyses it deems relevant
17 in cooperation with or by agreement with any other public or private
18 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 shall focus on issues related to improving the
2 delivery of prevention programs statewide, including but not limited to
3 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;

8 (c) the availability of quality prevention programs statewide, includ-
9 ing the identification of regions where such programs are lacking;

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

13 (e) the extent to which local social services districts are funding
14 prevention programs on a regional basis, and identification of imped-
15 iments to local funding.

16 § 5. The commission shall make a report of its findings to the gover-
17 nor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assem-
18 bly no later than one year after the effective date of this act. Such
19 report shall include any recommendations for any regulatory or statutory
20 changes, or changes in funding for prevention programs.

21 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
22 deemed repealed two years after such effective date.