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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:

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

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

5 (1) Study and review the effectiveness of supports and services
6 currently being provided to people diagnosed with autism spectrum disor-
7 ders;

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

11 (3) Identify methods of improving interagency coordination of services
12 and maximize the impact and effectiveness of services and agency func-
13 tions; ~~and~~

14 (4) Identify strategies and methods of improving outreach and coordi-
15 nation of services associated with autism spectrum disorders for minori-
16 ty group members including, but not limited to, African American, Latino
17 and Asian children; and

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

20 At the discretion of the chair, the board may consult with stakehold-
21 ers for the purpose of carrying out its tasks and duties in accordance
22 with this subdivision.

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

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

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