STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 4, 2017

Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to direct the commissioner of children and family services to conduct a study pertaining to child abuse and neglect fatalities that occur subsequent to a prior open investigation

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

Section 1. The commissioner of the office of children and family services, in conjunction with the department of health, shall conduct a study detailing the number of incidences in New York state in which child abuse and neglect resulted in a child's death where such child had been the subject of a prior open investigation by the office of children and family services for maltreatment. Such study shall explain any commonalities amongst such incidences and proffer policy recommendations to reduce such incidences in the future.

§ 2. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the commissioner of children and family services shall deliver a copy of the findings of the study conducted pursuant to section one of this act and any policy recommendations he or she deems to be necessary to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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