

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 12, 2018

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

AN ACT creating a temporary state taskforce on child protective services caseworker caseload management; 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 taskforce on child protective services
2 caseworker caseload management is hereby established to study the rise
3 of technology in both the provision of child protective services and
4 caseload management and make a report of its findings.

5 § 2. The taskforce shall be chaired by the commissioner of the office
6 of children and family services and shall consist of the following
7 members, with adequate geographic representation, to be appointed as
8 follows: five members to be appointed by the governor; four members to
9 be appointed by the temporary president of the senate; and four members
10 to be appointed by the speaker of the assembly. The members shall have
11 demonstrated experience and expertise in the fields of social work and
12 child protection. The governor, temporary president of the senate and
13 speaker of the assembly shall each appoint no less than one member from
14 one of the counties that have the highest child protective services
15 caseloads and no less than one member from one of the counties with
16 experience using wireless or portable technology to assist caseworkers
17 in the performance of their job duties. The members of the taskforce
18 shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reim-
19 bursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the perform-
20 ance of their duties under this act.

21 § 3. The taskforce shall meet and may hold public hearings, and may
22 undertake any studies, inquiries, surveys or analyses it deems relevant
23 in cooperation with or by agreement with any other public or private
24 agency.

25 § 4. The taskforce shall focus on issues related to improving child
26 protective services caseworkers' caseload management and the use of

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

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1 technology in the provision of child protective services statewide,
2 including but not limited to, an examination of the following:

3 (a) the total number of child protective services cases statewide,
4 reported on a quarterly basis and broken down by county;

5 (b) the total number of child protective services caseworkers employed
6 by each county;

7 (c) by county and on a quarterly basis, the number of child protective
8 services caseworkers, with caseloads of seven or fewer cases, eight to
9 eleven cases, and twelve or more cases;

10 (d) the counties that are currently using technology in the provision
11 of child protective services, and how such technology is being employed;

12 (e) investigate technology that has yet to be deployed to assist case-
13 workers with their job duties to determine the viability of such tech-
14 nology in the provision of child protective services. Special focus
15 should be placed on those technologies that are portable, or can be used
16 by portable devices, and are adaptable to various tasks;

17 (f) best practices for the management of caseworker caseloads and to
18 develop guidelines for such best practices; and

19 (g) best practices for the integration of technology in the provision
20 of child protective services and to develop guidelines for such best
21 practices.

22 § 5. The taskforce shall make a report of its findings to the gover-
23 nor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the
24 assembly, no later than two years after the effective date of this act.
25 Such report shall include any recommendations for any regulatory or
26 statutory changes or changes in funding for the purpose of managing
27 child protective services caseworkers' caseloads and employing technolo-
28 gy in the provision of child protective services.

29 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
30 deemed repealed three years after such date.