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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. CARLUCCI -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

AN ACT to establish a task force to create an approach to address and prevent suicide in the ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) youth population; 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. ADHD suicide prevention task force. (a) There is hereby  
2 created the ADHD suicide prevention task force (ASPT) to examine, evalu-  
3 ate and determine how to improve mental health and suicide prevention  
4 for New York residents aged 3 through 18 years, consisting of nine  
5 members, each to serve until two years after the effective date of this  
6 act.

7 (b)(1) Such members shall be appointed as follows: one member shall be  
8 appointed by the governor; one member shall be appointed by the tempo-  
9 rary president of the senate; one member shall be appointed by the  
10 minority leader of the senate; one member shall be appointed by the  
11 speaker of the assembly; one member shall be appointed by the minority  
12 leader of the assembly; one member shall be appointed by the chair of  
13 the senate committee on mental health; one member shall be appointed by  
14 the chair of the assembly standing committee on mental health; and two  
15 members shall be appointed by the commissioner of mental health.  
16 Appointments shall be made within sixty days of the effective date of  
17 this act. Vacancies in the task force shall be filled in the same manner  
18 provided for original appointments.

19 (2) All appointees shall have expertise in fields or disciplines  
20 related to mental health ADHD: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder  
21 and have knowledge related to comorbidities impacting individuals with  
22 ADHD. All appointments shall be coordinated to ensure geographic repre-  
23 sentation from the entire state.

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

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1 (3) The task force shall be chaired by the governor's appointee. The  
2 task force shall elect a vice-chair by majority vote and other necessary  
3 officers from among all appointed members.

4 (4) The task force shall meet at least quarterly at the call of the  
5 chair. Meetings may be held via teleconference. Special meetings may be  
6 called by the chair at the request of a majority of the members of the  
7 task force.

8 (5) Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their  
9 services but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in  
10 the performance of their duties in the work of the task force.

11 (c) The task force shall:

12 (1) study current mental health practices and suicide prevention  
13 efforts for youths aged 3 through 18 years;

14 (2) recommend mental health practices and suicide prevention efforts  
15 for such age group to increase effectiveness across the state; and

16 (3) determine potential reasons for the high number of youth suicides.

17 (d) The task force may establish advisory committees as it deems  
18 appropriate on matters relating to the task force's functions, powers  
19 and duties. Such committees shall be chaired by a task force member, but  
20 may be composed of task force members as well as other individuals  
21 selected by the task force to provide expertise of interest specific to  
22 the charge of such committees.

23 (e) The task force may, as it deems appropriate, request that studies,  
24 surveys and analyses relating to the task force's powers and duties be  
25 performed by any state department, commission, agency or public authori-  
26 ty. All state departments, commissions, agencies or public authorities  
27 shall provide information and advice in a timely manner and otherwise  
28 assist the task force with its work; provided however, any information  
29 or records otherwise confidential and privileged in accordance with  
30 state or federal law that are provided to the task force pursuant to  
31 this subdivision shall remain confidential as provided by such state or  
32 federal law and provided, further, that reports of the task force shall  
33 not identify the name or related identifying information concerning  
34 individual persons who are deceased as a result of suicide.

35 (f) The task force shall provide a preliminary report to the governor  
36 and the legislature of its findings, conclusions, recommendations and  
37 activities already undertaken by the task force, not later than thirteen  
38 months after the effective date of this act, and a final report of its  
39 findings, conclusions, recommendations and activities already undertaken  
40 by the task force, not later than twenty-two months after the effective  
41 date of this act and shall submit with its reports legislative proposals  
42 as it deems necessary to implement its recommendations.

43 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
44 have become a law and shall expire 2 years after such effective date  
45 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed.