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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. KELLES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to enacting the "investing in care act"

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "investing  
2 in care act".

3 § 2. The economic development law is amended by adding a new section  
4 11 to read as follows:

5 § 11. Investing in care. 1. The commissioner of economic development  
6 shall study, develop, and implement a long-term strategy to support the  
7 growth of the caregiving industry in New York state. Such strategy shall  
8 be developed in consultation with the state's regional economic develop-  
9 ment councils, the commissioner of health, and any other state agencies  
10 or other such organizations or persons as the commissioner shall deem  
11 appropriate. Such strategy shall be based on an analysis of financial  
12 support needed for:

13 (a) growth of caregiving industry businesses and non-profits;

14 (b) workforce development, recruitment, and retention needs in the  
15 caregiving industry; and

16 (c) innovation and new modes of caregiving delivery in the caregiving  
17 industry.

18 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the commis-  
19 sioner shall submit a report of their findings, recommendations, and  
20 plan for implementation of such long-term strategy, including proposed  
21 legislation, if any, to the governor and the legislature.

22 3. Beginning January first next succeeding the date upon which the  
23 commissioner shall have submitted the report pursuant to subdivision two  
24 of this section, and annually thereafter, the state's regional economic  
25 development councils shall direct thirty percent of their annual funding

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

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1 to the commissioner to be used in the implementation of the long-term  
2 strategy created pursuant to subdivision one of this section.

3 4. For the purposes of this section, "caregiving industry" shall  
4 include, but not be limited to: direct care, home care, child care,  
5 non-profit nursing homes and residential facilities, and other entities  
6 that support informal caregiving, as the commissioner in their judgment  
7 shall define such terms.

8 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.