STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 19, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on People with Disabilities

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to including additional self-advocates on the autism spectrum disorders advisory board

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

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

(a) There is hereby established within the office the autism spectrum disorders advisory board. Such board shall consist of [~~nineteen~~] **twenty-four** members, [~~ten~~] **fifteen** of whom shall be appointed and nine of whom shall serve ex officio. Of the [~~ten~~] appointed members, [~~two~~] **three** shall be appointed by the governor, [~~two~~] **three** shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate, [~~two~~] **three** shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly, [~~two~~] **three** shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate and [~~two~~] **three** shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly. Of the [~~two~~] **three** members appointed by each appointing authority, one member shall have expertise of work as a professional in the field of autism [~~and~~]**,** one member shall be a family advocate [~~or~~] **and one member shall be a** self-advocate in the community that such advocate resides. A representative from each of the following state agencies shall serve ex officio: the office for people with developmental disabilities; the department of education; the office of mental health; the office of children and family services; the department of health; the developmental disabilities planning council; the council on children and families; and the office of vocational and educational services for individuals with disabilities. The chair of the board shall be selected by the governor.

§ 2. 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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