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Introduced by Sen. RYAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT authorizing and directing the commissioner of labor to conduct a multi-agency study on the issues impacting the continuum of caregiving in the state of New York

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

1 Section 1. The commissioner of labor, in consultation with the direc-
2 tor of the office for the aging, the commissioner of the office of chil-
3 dren and family services, the commissioner of the office for people with
4 developmental disabilities, the commissioner of the office of mental
5 health and the chancellor of the state university of New York, is hereby
6 authorized and directed to study issues impacting both formal and
7 informal caregivers in the state of New York. Such study shall include,
8 but not be limited to, the current workforce of paid caregivers, an
9 estimate of the numbers of informal caregivers, an assessment of the
10 need for caregivers to meet the needs of residents of the various
11 regions of the state at the present time and over the next ten years, a
12 review of the adequacy of compensation for paid caregivers, a review of
13 the current state programs available to support training, recruitment
14 and retention of paid caregivers, programs to support unpaid caregivers,
15 workforce issues related to the availability and cost of caregiver
16 services, and issues related to licensing, worker protections,
17 protections for persons in need of care giving services, and opportu-
18 nities for the consolidation of duplicative programs, coordination of
19 programs administered by various government agencies, and development or
20 expansion of programs to support formal and informal caregivers.

21 § 2. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the commis-
22 sioner of labor shall submit a report of his or her findings, conclu-
23 sions and recommendations to the governor, the temporary president of
24 the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the chairs of the senate

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

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1 and assembly committees on labor. Such report shall also include such
2 legislative proposals as such commissioner deems necessary to implement
3 his or her recommendations.
4 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.