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Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT directing a study on the impact of increased minimum wage on eligibility for income-based services, programs and subsidies and the impact of loss of services on the working poor

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

1 Section 1. The commissioner of the department of labor, in consulta-
2 tion with the commissioners of the office of temporary and disability
3 assistance, the department of health, the office of children and family
4 services, and the department of taxation and finance (hereinafter, "the
5 commissioners"), any other department, division, board, bureau, commis-
6 sion, agency or public authority of the state or any political subdivi-
7 sion thereof deemed necessary by the commissioners, shall prepare a
8 comprehensive study and report on income eligibility limits for public
9 benefits to assist the poor and the impact that rising wages has or will
10 have on the eligibility of the working poor to receive such benefits.
11 Such study shall include an analysis of any effect on the eligibility of
12 working individuals for all programs with an income eligibility require-
13 ment and/or the potential reduction in benefits under such programs,
14 which may occur due to increased wages. The study shall also examine the
15 impact on individuals and families near the poverty level of the loss of
16 services, programs and subsidies and the adequacy of increased wages to
17 cover the costs of such expenses.

18 § 2. The commissioners shall publish such report to the governor, the
19 temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the
20 minority leader of the senate, and the minority leader of the assembly,
21 no later than the first day of July of the year succeeding the date on
22 which this act shall have become a law.

23 § 3. 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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