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Introduced by M. of A. WALKER, JEAN-PIERRE, STECK, SANTABARBARA, COOK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT authorizing and directing the department of health to do research and study as to the effects of psychostimulants, selective seratonin reuptake inhibitors, antidepressants and other drugs which are prescribed for attention deficit disorders, ADD and ADHD, for school age children

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

Section 1. 1. The commissioner of health, in conjunction with the commissioner of mental health, the commissioner of developmental disabilities, and the commissioner of education is authorized and directed to conduct a study and do research as to the effect of psychostimulants, selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, antidepressants and other drugs prescribed for attention deficit disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and the increasing rate of diagnosis of these conditions, in school age children.

2. The study shall be conducted in accordance with rules, regulations and standards determined by the commissioner of health, and the study shall concentrate on harmful side effects of such drugs, the appropriateness and effectiveness of tools and methods used to assess and diagnose the condition, the appropriateness of different medications, and any demographic disparities in diagnosis.

3. The commissioner of health shall report his or her findings to the governor, the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the senate on or before two years from the date this act shall take effect.

§ 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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