

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 11, 2022

Introduced by M. of A. CLARK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the focus of the child care availability taskforce

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 390-k of the social services law,
2 as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the social services
3 law relating to representatives of the child care availability taskforce
4 and the focus of such taskforce, as proposed in legislative bills
5 numbers S. 7128 and A. 7721-A, is amended to read as follows:

6 3. The taskforce shall ~~[examine the following with a focus on how each~~
7 ~~component has been affected by the implementation of policies supported~~
8 ~~by federally funded programs through various stimulus packages:~~

9 ~~(a) affordable child care with a focus on the cost of care for fami-~~
10 ~~lies and factors that contribute to such costs;~~

11 ~~(b) access to and availability of subsidized child care, including the~~
12 ~~identification of barriers families eligible under state law face~~
13 ~~obtaining or utilizing such subsidies;~~

14 ~~(c) availability of child care for non-traditional work hours;~~

15 ~~(d) whether parents are voluntarily leaving the workforce due to lack~~
16 ~~of affordable or accessible child care, and the demographic information~~
17 ~~of such parents, if known;~~

18 ~~(e) whether employers have identified lack of child care as a reason~~
19 ~~for a shortage of a qualified workforce;~~

20 ~~(f) the impact of child care, or lack thereof, on economic development~~
21 ~~throughout the state;~~

22 ~~(g) varying levels of quality of care throughout the state;~~

23 ~~(h) availability of quality child care by economic development region~~
24 ~~including identification of underserved communities;~~

25 ~~(i) whether regulatory or statutory changes could promote access to~~
26 ~~child care and improve health and safety standards in child care~~
27 ~~programs;~~

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

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~~(j) business incentives to increase child care access and the impact on tax credits and deductions relating to child care;~~

~~(k)]~~;

(a) examine the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on child care in New York state;

(b) advise the state in developing an implementation framework leading to a phased-in rollout of universal child care using existing state and federal resources;

(c) recommend potential solutions, partnerships, or other ways to address chronic child care workforce issues and other concerns identified in the course of the examination required by this subdivision;

~~(l)]~~ (d) assess the implementation of policies supported by federally funded programs through various stimulus packages; and

~~(m)]~~ (e) anything else the taskforce deems necessary.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the social services law relating to representatives of the child care availability taskforce and the focus of such taskforce, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7128 and A. 7721-A, takes effect; provided, however, that the amendments to section 390-k of the social services law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.