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Introduced by Sens. RYAN, MANNION -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor -- recommitted to the Committee on Labor in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT requiring 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:

Section 1. The commissioners of health, the office for the aging, the office of children and family services, the office for people with developmental disabilities, the office of mental health and the department of labor, shall study issues impacting formal and informal caregivers in the state of New York. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, the current workforce of paid caregivers, an estimate of the number of informal caregivers, an assessment of the number of caregivers needed to meet the needs of residents of the various regions of the state at the present time and over the next ten years, a review of the adequacy of compensation for paid caregivers, a review of the current state programs available to support training, recruitment and retention of paid caregivers, programs to support unpaid caregivers, workforce issues related to the availability and cost of caregiver services, issues related to licensing, registering, certifying or enrolling of such caregivers, worker protections, protections for persons in need of care giving services, and opportunities for the consolidation of duplicative programs, coordination of programs administered by various government agencies, and development or expansion of programs to support formal and informal caregivers.

§ 2. Within one year of the effective date of this act, such commissioners shall submit a report of their findings, conclusions and recommendations to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly and shall post such report on such commissioners' websites.

§ 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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