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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:

Section 1. The commissioner of the department of labor, in consultation with the commissioners of the office of temporary and disability assistance, the department of health, the office of children and family services, and the department of taxation and finance (hereinafter, "the commissioners"), any other department, division, board, bureau, commission, agency or public authority of the state or any political subdivision thereof deemed necessary by the commissioners, shall prepare a comprehensive study and report on income eligibility limits for public benefits to assist the poor and the impact that rising wages has or will have on the eligibility of the working poor to receive such benefits. Such study shall include an analysis of any effect on the eligibility of working individuals for all programs with an income eligibility requirement and/or the potential reduction in benefits under such programs, which may occur due to increased wages. The study shall also examine the impact on individuals and families near the poverty level of the loss of services, programs and subsidies and the adequacy of increased wages to cover the costs of such expenses.

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

§ 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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