STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 31, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. MAHER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT in relation to authorizing the commissioner of the office of children and family services to conduct a study to examine existing state barriers which prevent the creation of new child care providers

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

Section 1. State barriers study. The commissioner of the office of children and family services shall conduct a study to examine existing state barriers which prevent the creation of new child care providers, such study shall include:

(a) reviewing articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the social services law;

(b) reviewing articles 2 and 3 of subchapter C of chapter II of volume B of title 18 of the New York codes, rules and regulations;

(c) reviewing any law, or New York codes, rules and regulations that the office deems necessary to carry out such study;

(d) assessing and listing any section, paragraph, line, or sentence from articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the social services law and articles 2 and 3 of subchapter C of chapter II of volume B of title 18 of the New York codes, rules and regulations law which are detrimental, prohibitive, delaying, or preventing the creation of new child care providers; and

(e) recommendations of changes needed to any section, paragraph, line, or sentence from articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the social services law and articles 2 and 3 of subchapter C of chapter II of volume B of title 18 of the New York codes, rules and regulations which will facilitate the creation of new child care providers.

§ 2. If applicable, the commissioner shall make immediate recommendations where possible to remove any articles, sections, paragraphs, lines or sentences in law or the New York codes, rules and regulations necessary to facilitate the creation of new child care providers.

§ 3. In addition, the commissioner shall have the power to require any state officer, or the head of any department, division, or bureau there,

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

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to furnish such data, information or statements as may be necessary to effectuate such study.

§ 4. The commissioner shall submit a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the assembly, and the child care availability task force. Such report shall include its findings, conclusions, recommendations, and legislative proposals deemed necessary to facilitate the creation of new child care providers. Such report shall be made available to the public and published by the office within one year of the effective date of this act.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.