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Introduced by M. of A. BUTTENSCHON, SANTABARBARA, SAYEGH, ANDERSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- reported and referred to the Committee on Rules -- Rules Committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT in relation to establishing a developmental disability, mental health, and behavioral condition community stakeholder committee; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Developmental disability, mental health, and behavioral
2 condition community stakeholder committee. 1. The commissioner of mental
3 health, in consultation with the commissioner of developmental disabili-
4 ties, the commissioner of children and family services, and the commis-
5 sioner of education, shall establish a community stakeholder committee
6 to examine appropriate and effective evidence-based screening methods,
7 and appropriate interventions for children identified with a develop-
8 mental disability, a mental health or behavioral condition, and educa-
9 tional supports for students in kindergarten through grade five. The
10 community stakeholder committee shall consist of at least ten members.
11 The following four members shall serve as co-chairs of the community
12 stakeholder committee: (a) the commissioner of mental health or their
13 designee; (b) the commissioner of developmental disabilities or their
14 designee; (c) the commissioner of children and family services or their
15 designee; and (d) the commissioner of education or their designee. The
16 remaining members shall be appointed in cooperation by the temporary
17 president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly in such a manner
18 as to ensure that all regions of the state are represented, and shall

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

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1 include: (a) at least two members who specialize in identifying, evalu-
2 ating, and diagnosing individuals with a developmental disability, or a
3 mental health or behavioral condition; (b) at least one member who
4 specializes in providing education to individuals with a developmental
5 disability, a mental health or behavioral condition; (c) at least one
6 member who is a parent of a student with a developmental disability, a
7 mental health or behavioral condition; and (d) at least one member who
8 has been identified as an individual with a developmental disability, a
9 mental health or a behavioral condition. All members shall have exper-
10 tise in fields or disciplines related to the identification of students
11 diagnosed with a developmental disability, a mental health or behavioral
12 condition.

13 2. The community stakeholder committee shall conduct at least two
14 public hearings for the purpose of obtaining information from stakehold-
15 ers and other interested parties, including but not limited to social
16 workers licensed under article 154 of the education law, mental health
17 practitioners licensed under article 163 of the education law, behavior
18 analysts licensed under article 167 of the education law, and teachers,
19 school administrators, and parents.

20 3. The community stakeholder committee shall prepare and submit a
21 report of its findings and recommendations to the governor, temporary
22 president of the senate, speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of
23 the assembly, and the minority leader of the senate eighteen months
24 after the effective date of this act.

25 § 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025 and shall expire and
26 be deemed repealed August 1, 2026.