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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA, BURDICK, STIRPE, BRABENEC, HUNTER, McDONALD, SIMON, SEAWRIGHT, SMITH, TAYLOR, McMAHON, MANKTELOW, DeSTEFANO, GIGLIO, TAGUE, LEMONDES, REYES, WIEDER, HYNDMAN, R. CARROLL, SCHIAVONI, WEPRIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on People with Disabilities -- recommitted to the Committee on People with Disabilities in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to direct the office for people with developmental disabilities to conduct a study on housing models that support independent living for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

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

Section 1. 1. The office for people with developmental disabilities shall conduct a comprehensive study on the feasibility of establishing, implementing, and expanding additional housing models that support independent living for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Such study shall examine housing models that:

(a) maximize the ability of people with disabilities to choose their own residential environment;

(b) allow individuals to select other residents with whom they may share housing accommodations;

(c) promote opportunities for independent living with appropriate individualized supports and services;

(d) identify barriers within existing state regulations, funding structures, and service delivery systems that limit the development or availability of independent housing options;

(e) evaluate successful housing models, pilot programs, and best practices implemented in other states or jurisdictions;

(f) assess the availability of public funding opportunities that may support the expansion of independent housing models;

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

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(g) provide recommendations for legislative, regulatory, and administrative actions necessary to expand access to such housing models; and

(h) include consultation with stakeholders, including people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, family members, direct support professionals, housing providers, advocates, and relevant state and local agencies.

2. Such study shall be completed within 12 months of the effective date of this section and a report of the findings, recommendations, proposed implementation strategies, and any proposed legislative or regulatory changes shall be delivered to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly within 90 days of the completion of the study.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.