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Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to Down syndrome diagnosis awareness

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

Section 1. Paragraph (h) of subdivision 1 of section 207 of the public health law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the public health law relating to Down syndrome diagnosis awareness, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 593-A and A. 4138-A, is amended to read as follows:

(h)(i) [~~A~~] Down syndrome [~~awareness program shall be created to provide~~] **including** up-to-date and evidence-based information about Down syndrome, [~~in a written or alternative format to health care providers who order tests for a pregnant woman or an infant to screen for Down syndrome that shall include, but~~] not [~~be~~] limited to[~~,~~] the following:

(1) expected physical, developmental, educational, and psychosocial outcomes;

(2) life expectancy;

(3) the clinical course description;

(4) expected intellectual and functional development;

(5) available intervention or treatment options;

(6) information hotlines specific to Down syndrome;

(7) relevant resource centers or clearinghouses;

(8) national and local Down syndrome organizations; and

(9) any other information the department deems necessary.

Such information shall be provided electronically through the department's website.

(ii) The commissioner shall (1) examine and utilize existing practices to ensure that the information provided under subparagraph (i) of this

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

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paragraph is culturally and linguistically appropriate for all recipients; and (2) meet [~~annually~~] with representatives from the Down syndrome community **as necessary** to ensure such information is current.

§ 2. Section 2 of a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the public health law relating to Down syndrome diagnosis awareness, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 593-A and A. 4138-A, is amended to read as follows:

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

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that section one of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the public health law relating to Down syndrome diagnosis awareness, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 593-A and A. 4138-A, takes effect.