STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. HUNTER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to creating a single, streamlined process whereby combination pre-kindergarten and daycare programs may be certified to operate

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3602-eee to read as follows:

§ 3602-eee. Combination pre-kindergarten and daycare programs. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Pre-kindergarten program" means any pre-kindergarten program operating pursuant to section thirty-six hundred two-e or thirty-six hundred two-ee of this part, or any other rule or regulation promulgated by the department.

(b) "Daycare program" means any child day care, as such term is defined by section three hundred ninety of the social services law.

2. The department, in conjunction with the office of children and family services, shall create a single, streamlined process whereby a facility or program operating both a pre-kindergarten program and a daycare program may apply for and receive any certification, licensing, or other requirement otherwise necessary to operate a pre-kindergarten program or daycare program under the laws of the state.

3. The department and the office of children and family services shall be authorized to promulgate any rules and/or regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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