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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to tracking and reporting elder abuse

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivisions 6 and 7 of section 473 of the social services
2 law are renumbered subdivisions 7 and 8 and a new subdivision 6 is added
3 to read as follows:
4 6. (A) THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL COLLECT ALL
5 RELEVANT DATA ON ABUSE AND NEGLECT LOCATED IN STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES,
6 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES,
7 THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE OFFICE FOR THE PREVENTION OF
8 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND THE OFFICE FOR THE
9 AGING, FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING INCIDENCE AMONG THE SENIOR POPU-
10 LATION. THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL CREATE INTERA-
11 GENCY REPORTING SYSTEMS THAT CONTAIN UNIFORM BASE METRICS, INCLUDING
12 DEFINING ELDER ABUSE AND THE MINIMUM AGE OF A SENIOR, THAT ENABLES THE
13 OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO COMPARE SIMILAR DATA FROM
14 DIFFERENT STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES.
15 (B) COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES, ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UNITS,
16 AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR ADULTS UNITS SHALL REPORT ANY INCIDENCE OF
17 ELDER ABUSE, AS DEFINED BY THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,
18 TO THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IN THE FORMAT SPECIFIED BY
19 SUCH OFFICE AND INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF REFERRALS, INVESTIGATIONS,
20 SUBSTANTIATED CASES, AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON VICTIMS AND PERPE-
21 TRATORS.
22 (C) THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL ISSUE A REPORT TO
23 THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE AT LEAST ANNUALLY STATING THE INCIDENCE OF
24 ELDER ABUSE IN THE STATE, DETERMINED BY UTILIZING THE BASE METRICS
25 ESTABLISHED BY PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, AND THE PROGRAMS
26 ADMINISTERED OR CONTRACTED OUT BY STATE OR LOCAL AGENCIES TO PREVENT
27 ELDER ABUSE AND TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF ELDER ABUSE.
28 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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