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Introduced by Sens. FOLEY, MONTGOMERY, C. JOHNSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishment of citizen review panels for the counties of Nassau and Suffolk and Rockland and Westchester

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 371-b of the social services law,  
2     as added by chapter 136 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     1. There shall be established at least [three] FOUR citizen review  
5     panels. At least one panel shall be established for the city of New  
6     York, AT LEAST ONE PANEL SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE COUNTIES OF  
7     NASSAU, SUFFOLK, ROCKLAND AND WESTCHESTER and at least two panels shall  
8     be established for social services districts or combinations of  
9     districts outside of the city of New York. The panel in the city of New  
10    York shall create one subcommittee for each borough for the purposes of  
11    evaluating the extent to which the state and the social services  
12    district are discharging their child protection responsibilities within  
13    that particular borough, in accordance with [subsection] SUBDIVISION  
14    three of this section. The office of children and family services shall  
15    make available resources to support the needs of each citizen review  
16    panel.  
17    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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