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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to adult protective services

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

1     Section 1. Section 473 of the social services law is amended by adding  
2     a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:  
3     8. (A) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PREPARE FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL  
4     REPORT REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION (D) OF SECTION SEVENTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER  
5     TO BE FILED WITH THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE PRIOR TO DECEMBER  
6     FIFTEENTH OF EACH YEAR, A REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED  
7     BY SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICIALS IN SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS WITHIN THE  
8     STATE AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE A LIST OF  
9     SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS WITHIN THE STATE TOGETHER WITH CONTACT INFOR-  
10    MATION FOR EACH. FOR EACH SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT WITHIN THE STATE,  
11    SUCH REPORT SHALL ALSO INCLUDE AN INDICATION OF THE NUMBER OF ADULTS  
12    THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES IN THAT REPORTING  
13    PERIOD, A SUMMARY OF THE TYPES OF ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROVIDED,  
14    AND THE STATUS OF ANY DISTRICT-WIDE PLAN FOR THE PROVISION OF ADULT  
15    PROTECTIVE SERVICES.  
16    (B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING IMPROVED METHODS FOR THE DELIVERY  
17    OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR ADULTS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP BEST  
18    PRACTICES, POLICIES, PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO THE  
19    PROVISION OF THE SERVICES REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION. IN DEVELOPING SUCH  
20    BEST PRACTICES, POLICIES, PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES, THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
21    CONSULT WITH SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS, SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICIALS, AND  
22    ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE STATE OR FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED AUTHORITIES ON  
23    MATTERS PERTAINING TO ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES. SUCH BEST PRACTICES,  
24    POLICIES, PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES SHALL BE DEVELOPED BY OR BEFORE JANU-  
25    ARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, AND THE COMMISSIONER SHALL POST THE

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

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1 SAME ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AND OTHERWISE MAKE SUCH BEST PRACTICES,  
2 POLICIES, PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES AVAILABLE TO SOCIAL SERVICES  
3 DISTRICTS WITHIN THE STATE.  
4 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.