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Introduced by Sen. FELDER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- recommitted to the Committee on Children and Families in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT requiring the office of children and family services to complete a report on the impact of a tax deduction for expenses, including adoption fees, medical and legal fees, court costs and any other related expenses paid or incurred by a taxpayer attributed to the adoption of a child in foster care

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

- 1     Section 1. 1. The office of children and family services, in consulta-  
2     tion with the department of taxation and finance, shall complete a  
3     report on the impact of a tax deduction for expenses, including adoption  
4     fees, medical and legal fees, court costs and any other related expenses  
5     paid or incurred by a taxpayer attributed to the adoption of a child in  
6     foster care.
- 7     2. Such report shall include, but not be limited to:
- 8     (a) the trend of adoptions for children in foster care over the past  
9     ten years;
- 10    (b) how many children have aged out of foster care in the past ten  
11    years while in the custody of the state;
- 12    (c) the length of the waiting period prior to adoption for children  
13    who were in the state foster care system;
- 14    (d) the racial and ethnic breakdown of children adopted;
- 15    (e) the current number of children who have been placed in the foster  
16    care system more than once over the past three years;
- 17    (f) the number of children in foster care with a parent or parents in  
18    prison;

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

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1 (g) efforts in place by the office of children and family services to  
2 help promote adoption awareness, education and possibilities for chil-  
3 dren in the foster care system that are eligible for adoption; and

4 (h) the total amount spent by the office of children and family  
5 services and organizations contracted by such office in the promotion of  
6 adoptions.

7 3. The report required pursuant to this act shall be provided to the  
8 governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the  
9 assembly, the minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of  
10 the assembly, on or before July 30, 2016.

11 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.