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Introduced by Sen. GOLDEN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to paid leave and counseling for child protective services employees when an abused or maltreated child dies

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

1     Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section  
2     424-c to read as follows:  
3     S 424-C. PAID LEAVE AND COUNSELING; DEATH OF ABUSED OR MALTREATED  
4     CHILD. 1. (A) A NON-SUPERVISORY LOCAL CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEE  
5     THAT IS INVESTIGATING A REPORT OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT  
6     SHALL RECEIVE FIVE DAYS OF PAID LEAVE IF THE CHILD SUSPECTED OF BEING  
7     ABUSED OR MALTREATED DIES WHEN THERE IS REASONABLE CAUSE TO SUSPECT THAT  
8     THE DEATH WAS THE RESULT OF INJURIES SUFFERED FROM SUCH ABUSE OR  
9     MALTREATMENT.  
10    (B) THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED PURSUANT TO THIS  
11    SUBDIVISION SHALL BE EXCUSED LEAVE AND SHALL NOT BE CHARGED AGAINST ANY  
12    OTHER LEAVE SUCH EMPLOYEE IS OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO.  
13    2. EACH LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT SHALL OFFER EVERY NON-SUPERVI-  
14    SORY LOCAL CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEE SUBJECT TO SUBDIVISION ONE  
15    OF THIS SECTION COUNSELING OR PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
16    THE DEATH OF THE CHILD. SUCH ASSISTANCE SHALL BE OFFERED AT NO COST TO  
17    THE EMPLOYEE.  
18    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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