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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing an annual report on child protective services employee caseloads

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     427-b to read as follows:  
3     S 427-B. CASELOAD REPORTS. 1. EACH LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT  
4     SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT DESCRIBING THE AVERAGE CASELOAD, ON A PER  
5     MONTH PER EMPLOYEE BASIS, FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEES. SUCH  
6     REPORT SHALL BE PUBLISHED NO LATER THAN JUNE THIRTIETH OF EACH YEAR,  
7     BEGINNING IN TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN, AND SHALL REPORT INFORMATION ON THE  
8     BASIS OF THE LAST COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR. IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS, THE REPORT  
9     SHALL INCLUDE COMPARATIVE DATA FOR UP TO FIVE PRIOR FISCAL YEARS IF SUCH  
10    DATA IS AVAILABLE. THE REPORT SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNOR, THE  
11    COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE  
12    SENATE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ASSEM-  
13    BLY COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, AND SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE  
14    PUBLIC ON THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC WEBSITE. SUCH  
15    REPORTS SHALL CONTAIN, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:  
16    (A) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NON-SUPERVISORY FULL-TIME CHILD PROTECTIVE  
17    SERVICES EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, NOT INCLUDING  
18    PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF;  
19    (B) THE NUMBER OF SUPERVISORY FULL-TIME CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
20    EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, NOT INCLUDING PARAPRO-  
21    FESSIONAL STAFF;  
22    (C) THE NUMBER OF BOTH FULL AND PART-TIME PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF  
23    EMPLOYED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR;  
24    (D) THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF ACTIVE CASES PER FULL-TIME NON-SUPERVISORY  
25    CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEE PER MONTH, NOT INCLUDING PARAPROFES-  
26    SIONAL STAFF FOR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES;

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

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1 (E) THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF ACTIVE CASES PER FULL-TIME SUPERVISORY CHILD  
2 PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEE PER MONTH, NOT INCLUDING PARAPROFESSIONAL  
3 STAFF FOR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES;

4 (F) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NON-SUPERVISORY CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES  
5 EMPLOYEES WITH AN AVERAGE MONTHLY CASELOAD OF OVER FIFTEEN;

6 (G) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE EMPLOYEES HIRED BY  
7 THE DISTRICT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR;

8 (H) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE EMPLOYEES THAT  
9 RESIGNED OR WERE TERMINATED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR;

10 (I) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CIVIL SERVICE TESTS OFFERED DURING THE FISCAL  
11 YEAR TO HIRE ADDITIONAL CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEES, AND THE  
12 TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES ON A HIRING LIST FOR A POSITION AT THE END OF  
13 THE FISCAL YEAR; AND

14 (J) AN EXPLANATION BY THE DISTRICT OF STEPS THAT THEY ARE TAKING TO  
15 LOWER THE AVERAGE CASELOAD FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEES.

16 2. SUCH REPORTS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE OFFICE OF  
17 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES PUBLIC WEBSITE.

18 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.