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Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring the  
office of temporary and disability assistance to ensure that all  
recipients of public assistance reside in housing accommodations that  
are in compliance with all applicable building codes, ordinances and  
regulations of the municipality in which such housing accommodation is  
located

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

1     Section 1. Subdivisions (g), (h) and (i) of section 17 of the social  
2 services law, subdivision (g) as added by chapter 280 of the laws of  
3 2002, subdivision (i) as amended by chapter 110 of the laws of 1971,  
4 subdivision (h) as added and subdivision (i) as relettered by section 1  
5 of part K-3 of chapter 57 of the laws of 2007, are amended to read as  
6 follows:  
7     (g) require participation of all employees of a child protective  
8 service in a training course which has been developed by the office for  
9 the prevention of domestic violence in conjunction with the office of  
10 children and family services whose purpose is to develop an understand-  
11 ing of the dynamics of domestic violence and its connection to child  
12 abuse and neglect. Such course shall:  
13     (i) pay special attention to the need to screen for domestic violence;  
14     (ii) place emphasis on the psychological harm experienced by children  
15 whose environment is impacted by familial violence and accordingly  
16 explore avenues to keep such children with the non-abusive parent rather  
17 than placing them in foster care further traumatizing both the victim  
18 and the children;  
19     (iii) provide instruction regarding the scope of legal remedies for  
20 the abused parent;  
21     (iv) identify obstacles that prevent individuals from leaving their  
22 batterers and examine safety options and services available for the  
23 victim;

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

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1 (v) provide information pertaining to the unique barriers facing  
2 certain immigrant women and the options available under the federal  
3 Violence Against Women Act;

4 (vi) analyze procedures available to sanction and educate the abusing  
5 partner; and

6 (vii) emphasize the need for the system to hold the abusing partner  
7 responsible by appropriate referrals to law enforcement[.];

8 (h) make available on its website all award allocations for request  
9 for proposals issued by the office of children and family services upon  
10 release of such awards. Such information shall also include all organ-  
11 izations requesting funding and the amounts requested for each request  
12 for proposal. The office of children and family services may also  
13 include any other information related to each program that it deems  
14 appropriate[.];

15 (i) ENSURE THAT ALL RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE LOCATED WITHIN  
16 SUFFOLK COUNTY RESIDE IN HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS THAT ARE IN COMPLIANCE  
17 WITH ALL APPLICABLE BUILDING CODES, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS OF THE  
18 MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH THE HOUSING ACCOMMODATION IS LOCATED AND UPON  
19 DISCOVERY THAT SUCH HOUSING ACCOMMODATION IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE, WITHIN  
20 TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF SUCH DISCOVERY, CAUSE SUCH RECIPIENTS TO BE HOUSED  
21 IN EMERGENCY HOUSING UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE INITIAL HOUSING ACCOMMO-  
22 DATION IN WHICH SUCH RECIPIENT OR RECIPIENTS RESIDED IS BROUGHT INTO  
23 COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE BUILDING CODES, ORDINANCES AND REGU-  
24 LATIONS OF THE MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH SUCH HOUSING ACCOMMODATION IS  
25 LOCATED OR UNTIL A SUITABLE PERMANENT HOUSING ACCOMMODATION IS LOCATED,  
26 WHICHEVER OCCURS EARLIER; AND

27 (J) exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be  
28 imposed by law.

29 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
30 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
31 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-  
32 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or  
33 before such effective date.