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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. HEVESI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the state finance law and the social services law, in relation to factoring in the cultural competency and linguistic accessibility of privatization contracts

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 161 of the state finance law is
2 amended by adding a new paragraph o to read as follows:

3 o. Establish guidelines for privatization contracts pursuant to
4 section twenty-c of the social services law, such guidelines shall
5 require criteria to elevate cultural competency and linguistic accessi-
6 bility of services for such contract.

7 § 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 20-c of the social
8 services law, as added by section 151 of part B of chapter 436 of the
9 laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

10 (b) Social services districts may enter into a contract or agreement
11 for the performance of functions, duties or obligations required to be
12 performed pursuant to this chapter, however, the collective bargaining
13 representative of employees who normally perform such functions or
14 provide such services for such social services district shall be permit-
15 ted the opportunity to competitively bid for any contract let pursuant
16 to this section with the overall cost [~~and quality~~], cultural competency
17 and linguistic accessibility of the proposal being major criteria in the
18 selection.

19 § 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
20 have become a law.

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

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