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AN ACT directing the office of children and family services to create a day care provider clearing house website

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

Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. The legislature hereby finds that parents want to be assured that their children are in a safe and secure environment while attending day care. Currently, the office of children and family services has a day care facility search that is dedicated to providing basic information to parents regarding the status of local day care facilities. However, the current system does not go far enough in providing information regarding the specifics of the day care violations, or the process used by the provider to restore compliance. Expanding the current office of children and family services website format to include more specific information will provide greater access and more complete information to parents when deciding on a day care provider.

S 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the legislature directs the commissioner of the office of children and family services to promulgate rules and regulations to expand upon the current office of children and family services website to create a day care provider clearing house that will provide parents with more specific information regarding the compliance status of day care facilities throughout the state. This information should include, but not be limited to, a record of all violations and what was done to rectify any violations; a list of all specific enforcement actions taken; and whether or not the day care provider has ever had its license suspended or revoked and why.

S 3. 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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