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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing school-outreach domestic violence prevention programs

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 459-a of the social services law,  
2 as amended by chapter 169 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4     5. "Non-residential program for victims of domestic violence" means  
5 any program operated by a not-for-profit organization, for the purpose  
6 of providing non-residential services to victims of domestic violence,  
7 including, but not limited to, information and referral services, advocacy,  
8 counseling, and community education and outreach activities and  
9 providing or arranging for hotline services. Victims of domestic  
10 violence and their children, if any, shall constitute at least seventy  
11 percent of the clientele of such programs; PROVIDED THAT CLIENTELE IN A  
12 SCHOOL-OUTREACH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM SHALL BE DISREGARDED  
13 IN MAKING THIS CALCULATION.

14     S 2. Section 459-c of the social services law is amended by adding a  
15 new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

16     3. (A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION AND THE  
17 REGULATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, A SOCIAL  
18 SERVICES DISTRICT SHALL PURCHASE FROM A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
19 OPERATING A NON-RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND  
20 PROVIDE TO STUDENTS WITHIN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL SETTINGS A  
21 PROGRAM OF INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES, ADVOCACY, COUNSELING, AND  
22 EDUCATION ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

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

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1 (B) TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED EXPRESSLY THEREFOR,  
2 STATE REIMBURSEMENT SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE  
3 EXPENDITURES MADE BY A SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT FOR PROGRAMS PROVIDED  
4 PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

5 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
6 it shall have become a law; provided that the commissioner of the office  
7 of children and family services is authorized to promulgate any and all  
8 rules and regulations and take any other measures necessary to implement  
9 this act on its effective date on or before such date.