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Introduced by M. of A. WRIGHT, TITUS -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. J. RIVERA, P. RIVERA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing voluntary enhanced standards for child day care

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

Section 1. Section 390-a of the social services law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 5 and 6 to read as follows:

5. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS ESTABLISHED FOR CHILD DAY CARE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR A VOLUNTARY ENHANCED LEVEL OF CARE TO BE PROVIDED BY CHILD DAY CARE. SUCH ENHANCED STANDARDS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO PROVISIONS ESTABLISHING STAFF/CHILD RATIOS, STAFF QUALIFICATIONS, PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, OPERATIONAL AND PERSONNEL POLICIES, DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE CURRICULA, AND FACILITY SQUARE FOOTAGE.

6. IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED NINETY OF THIS TITLE, THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL ISSUE A RATED LICENSE TO ANY CHILD CARE FACILITY WHICH MEETS THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THIS ARTICLE. THE RATING SHALL BE BASED ON PROGRAM STANDARDS, EDUCATION LEVEL OF STAFF, AND COMPLIANCE OF THE CHILD CARE FACILITY.

S 2. 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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