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Introduced by M. of A. V. LOPEZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing a mentoring program within the office of children and family services

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 504-c to read as follows:

S 504-C. MENTORING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES A MENTOR PROGRAM TO ASSIST YOUTH RELEASED FROM FACILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IN RESUMING PRODUCTIVE LIVES, DEVELOP SKILLS AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

2. AS PART OF SUCH PROGRAM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH STUDENTS MATRICULATING AT THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK TO SERVE AS MENTOR-ROLE MODELS FOR SELECTED YOUTHS. IN RETURN FOR SUCH SERVICES, EITHER THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL PAY AN AGREED UPON SUM OF MONEY TOWARDS SUCH STUDENTS' TUITION, OR OTHER EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH HIS OR HER STATUS AS A STUDENT AT SUCH INSTITUTION OR SUCH STUDENT SHALL RECEIVE COURSE CREDIT TOWARD A DEGREE FROM SUCH INSTITUTION.

3. THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL ACCEPT MONEYS APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADMINISTERING THE MENTORING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

4. THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH REGULATIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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