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Introduced by Sen. YOUNG -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to reduction in the staff of the office of children and family services and the closure of facilities of such office

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision 15 of section 501 of the executive law, as amended by section 1 of part H of chapter 58 of the laws of 2006, are amended and a new paragraph (e) is added to read as follows:

(c) CONSULT WITH AND provide for a mechanism which may reasonably be expected to provide notice to local governments, community organizations, employee labor organizations, managerial and confidential employees, consumer and advocacy groups of the potential for significant service reductions, public employee staffing reductions and/or the transfer of operations to a private or not-for-profit entity at such state-operated facilities, at least twelve months prior to commencing such service reduction; [and]

(d) consult with the office of general services and any other appropriate state agency in developing a mechanism for determining alternative uses for land and buildings to be vacated by the office of children and family services. Such a mechanism should include a review of other programs or state agencies that could feasibly expand their operations onto a state-operated campus and are compatible with health, safety and programmatic needs of persons served in such facilities[.]; AND

(E) AT THE TIME THE NOTICE OF CLOSURE OF A FACILITY IS PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (C) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

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OF THE CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE IN WHICH THE FACILITY SLATED FOR CLOSURE IS LOCATED, PROVIDE A REPORT FOR AN ADAPTIVE REUSE PLAN FOR SUCH FACILITY WHICH WILL EVALUATE THE COMMUNITY IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED CLOSURE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: THE POTENTIAL TO UTILIZE THE PROPERTY FOR ANOTHER STATE GOVERNMENT PURPOSE, INCLUDING FOR A NEW PURPOSE AS PART OF THE STATE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM; POTENTIAL FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY TO A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; POTENTIAL FOR THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY TO A PRIVATE ENTITY FOR DEVELOPMENT INTO A BUSINESS, RESIDENTIAL OR OTHER PURPOSE; COMMUNITY INPUT FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT; AND THE CONDITION OF THE FACILITY AND THE INVESTMENTS REQUIRED TO KEEP THE STRUCTURE IN GOOD REPAIR, OR TO MAKE IT VIABLE FOR REUSE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.