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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:

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision 15 of section 501 of
2 the executive law, as amended by section 1 of part H of chapter 58 of
3 the laws of 2006, are amended and a new paragraph (e) is added to read
4 as follows:
5 (c) CONSULT WITH AND provide for a mechanism which may reasonably be
6 expected to provide notice to local governments, community organiza-
7 tions, employee labor organizations, managerial and confidential employ-
8 ees, consumer and advocacy groups of the potential for significant
9 service reductions, public employee staffing reductions and/or the
10 transfer of operations to a private or not-for-profit entity at such
11 state-operated facilities, at least twelve months prior to commencing
12 such service reduction; [and]
13 (d) consult with the office of general services and any other appro-
14 priate state agency in developing a mechanism for determining alterna-
15 tive uses for land and buildings to be vacated by the office of children
16 and family services. Such a mechanism should include a review of other
17 programs or state agencies that could feasibly expand their operations
18 onto a state-operated campus and are compatible with health, safety and
19 programmatic needs of persons served in such facilities[.]; AND
20 (E) AT THE TIME THE NOTICE OF CLOSURE OF A FACILITY IS PROVIDED IN
21 ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (C) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE COMMISSIONER
22 SHALL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
23 THE PRESIDENT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, THE DIRECTOR OF THE
24 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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1 OF THE CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE IN WHICH THE FACILITY SLATED FOR CLOSURE IS
2 LOCATED, PROVIDE A REPORT FOR AN ADAPTIVE REUSE PLAN FOR SUCH FACILITY
3 WHICH WILL EVALUATE THE COMMUNITY IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED CLOSURE INCLUD-
4 ING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: THE POTENTIAL TO UTILIZE
5 THE PROPERTY FOR ANOTHER STATE GOVERNMENT PURPOSE, INCLUDING FOR A NEW
6 PURPOSE AS PART OF THE STATE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM; POTENTIAL FOR THE
7 SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY TO A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR OTHER GOVERN-
8 MENTAL ENTITY; POTENTIAL FOR THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY TO A PRIVATE
9 ENTITY FOR DEVELOPMENT INTO A BUSINESS, RESIDENTIAL OR OTHER PURPOSE;
10 COMMUNITY INPUT FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT; AND THE CONDITION OF THE FACILITY
11 AND THE INVESTMENTS REQUIRED TO KEEP THE STRUCTURE IN GOOD REPAIR, OR TO
12 MAKE IT VIABLE FOR REUSE.

13 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.