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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring additional investigation of certain claims of abuse or maltreatment

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 424 of the social services law, as added by chapter 1039 of the laws of 1973, is amended to read as follows:

3. upon the receipt of each written report made pursuant to this title, transmit, forthwith, a copy thereof to the state central register of child abuse and maltreatment. In addition, not later than seven days after receipt of the initial report, the child protective service shall send a preliminary written report of the initial investigation, including evaluation and actions taken or contemplated, to the state central register. Follow-up reports shall be made at regular intervals thereafter in a manner and form prescribed by the commissioner by regulation to the end that the state central register is kept fully informed and up-to-date concerning the handling of reports; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT WHEN THREE OR MORE REPORTS ARE MADE RELATING TO THE SAME PERSON RELATING TO THE ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT OF A CHILD, INCLUDING UNFOUNDED AND CLOSED CASES NOT FOUND TO BE MISTAKEN OR FALSE REPORTS, SUCH PERSON SHALL BE INVESTIGATED AND EVALUATED AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST REPORT;

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is 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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