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Introduced by M. of A. CLARK, WEPRIN, AUBRY, PERRY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families -- ordered to a third reading -- committed to Children and Families -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring agencies to provide potential adoptive parents with information concerning state-funded benefits or services received by a foster child that expire upon adoption

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

Section 1. Section 372-f of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

5. THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS WHICH SHALL REQUIRE AUTHORIZED AGENCIES IN THE STATE TO PROVIDE A FOSTER PARENT, WHO HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ADOPTING A FOSTER CHILD, WITH A LIST OF ANY PUBLICLY-FUNDED BENEFITS OR SERVICES THAT SUCH FOSTER CHILD WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR UPON THE ADOPTION OF SUCH FOSTER CHILD AS WELL AS A LIST OF ANY PUBLICLY-FUNDED BENEFITS OR SERVICES THAT SUCH FOSTER CHILD IS CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR, BUT SHALL EXPIRE UPON THE ADOPTION OF SUCH FOSTER CHILD. IF A SERVICE SHALL EXPIRE, INFORMATION SHALL BE PROVIDED ON IF THAT SERVICE IS AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY OR HOW THAT SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM OTHER PRIVATE SOURCES. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON SUCH OFFICE'S WEBSITE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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