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Introduced by M. of A. TITUS, GRAF, MOSLEY, OTIS, STECK, COLTON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. HEASTIE, PERRY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to residential services for pregnant victims of domestic violence

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

Section 1. Section 459-b of the social services law, as amended by chapter 459 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

S 459-b. Residential services for victims of domestic violence. In accordance with section one hundred thirty-one-u of this chapter and the regulations of the office of children and family services, a social services district shall offer and provide necessary and available emergency shelter and services for up to ninety days at a residential program for victims of domestic violence to a victim of domestic violence who was residing in the social services district at the time of the alleged domestic violence whether or not such victim is eligible for public assistance. Two forty-five day extensions of necessary and available emergency shelter may be granted beyond the maximum length of stay at a residential program for victims of domestic violence for residents who continue to be in need of emergency services and temporary shelter. *A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WHO IS PREGNANT DURING THE TIME SHE UTILIZES SUCH EMERGENCY SHELTER OR SERVICES MAY BE GRANTED UP TO NINE MONTHS OF NECESSARY AND AVAILABLE EMERGENCY SHELTER BEYOND THE MAXIMUM LENGTH OF STAY AT A RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROVIDED THAT SUCH PREGNANT WOMAN IS IN PURSUIT OF AN EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO REACH INDEPENDENT STATUS.*

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately the commissioner of children and family services is authorized and directed to promulgate such rules and regulations as he or she deems necessary to implement the provisions of this act on or before its effective date.

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

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