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Introduced by M. of A. LUPARDO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing an annual report on child protective services employee caseloads

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

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 427-b to read as follows:

S 427-B. CASELOAD REPORTS. 1. EACH LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT DESCRIBING THE AVERAGE CASELOAD, ON A PER MONTH PER EMPLOYEE BASIS, FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEES. SUCH REPORT SHALL BE PUBLISHED NO LATER THAN JUNE THIRTIETH OF EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN, AND SHALL REPORT INFORMATION ON THE BASIS OF THE LAST COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR. IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS, THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE COMPARATIVE DATA FOR UP TO FIVE PRIOR FISCAL YEARS IF SUCH DATA IS AVAILABLE. THE REPORT SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNOR, THE COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SENATE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, AND SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC WEBSITE. SUCH REPORTS SHALL CONTAIN, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

(A) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NON-SUPERVISORY FULL-TIME CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, NOT INCLUDING PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF;

(B) THE NUMBER OF SUPERVISORY FULL-TIME CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, NOT INCLUDING PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF;

(C) THE NUMBER OF BOTH FULL AND PART-TIME PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF EMPLOYED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR;

(D) THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF ACTIVE CASES PER FULL-TIME NON-SUPERVISORY CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEE PER MONTH, NOT INCLUDING PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES;

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

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(E) THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF ACTIVE CASES PER FULL-TIME SUPERVISORY CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEE PER MONTH, NOT INCLUDING PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES;

(F) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NON-SUPERVISORY CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEES WITH AN AVERAGE MONTHLY CASELOAD OF OVER FIFTEEN;

(G) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE EMPLOYEES HIRED BY THE DISTRICT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR;

(H) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE EMPLOYEES THAT RESIGNED OR WERE TERMINATED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR;

(I) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CIVIL SERVICE TESTS OFFERED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR TO HIRE ADDITIONAL CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEES, AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES ON A HIRING LIST FOR A POSITION AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR; AND

(J) AN EXPLANATION BY THE DISTRICT OF STEPS THAT THEY ARE TAKING TO LOWER THE AVERAGE CASELOAD FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES EMPLOYEES.

2. SUCH REPORTS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES PUBLIC WEBSITE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.