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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing the post-adoption support services pilot program

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

Section 1. Article 6 of the social services law is amended by adding a new title 12 to read as follows:

TITLE 12

POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM

SECTION 458-N. POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM.

S 458-N. POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM. 1. AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

(A) "POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES" MEANS MEDICAL TREATMENT, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PARENTING CLASSES, OR ANY OTHER DIRECT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AFTER A CHILD IS ADOPTED THAT:

(I) AID AN ADOPTED CHILD OR ADOPTIVE FAMILY IN WHICH AN ADOPTED CHILD IS IN CRISIS; AND

(II) ASSIST IN PREVENTING THE CHILD FROM BEING RETURNED TO THE CARE AND SUPERVISION OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.

(B) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

(A) PROVIDE POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES TO ADOPTED CHILDREN AND THEIR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES; AND

(B) PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDS FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN.

3. AT THE REQUEST OF AN ADOPTIVE PARENT FOR POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES FROM THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT, THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT SHALL CONTINUE A CLINICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE NEEDS OF THE ADOPTED CHILD AND ADOPTIVE FAMILY.

4. AFTER A DETERMINATION BY THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT THAT THE ADOPTED CHILD OR ADOPTIVE FAMILY IS IN NEED OF POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES, THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT SHALL SUBMIT A PROPOSED

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

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POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICE PLAN TO THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR APPROVAL AND FUNDING.

5. ON APPROVAL AND THE RELEASE OF FUNDS BY THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT OR A VENDOR DESIGNATED BY THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE THE POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE ADOPTED CHILD OR ADOPTIVE FAMILY.

6. THE FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE PROVIDED FROM MONIES RECEIVED BY THE STATE THROUGH FEDERAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES FUNDS.

7. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY ON:

(A) THE NUMBER OF ADOPTED CHILDREN AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES SERVED BY THE PROGRAM;

(B) THE NUMBER OF ADOPTED CHILDREN AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES THAT MADE APPLICATIONS FOR POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES UNDER THE PROGRAM;

(C) THE TYPES OF POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED TO ADOPTED CHILDREN AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES BY THE PROGRAM; AND

(D) THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS PROGRAM.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.