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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to post-adoption services

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

1     Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section  
2     372-i to read as follows:  
3     S 372-I. POST ADOPTION SERVICES. 1. THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
4     SERVICES SHALL COLLECT DATA AND INFORMATION ON THE AVAILABILITY OF  
5     POST-ADOPTION SERVICES AROUND THE STATE. THE OFFICE SHALL WORK WITH  
6     LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS, AUTHORIZED AGENCIES, AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT  
7     AGENCIES WITH EXPERIENCE PROVIDING POST-ADOPTION SERVICES TO GATHER, TO  
8     THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, NON-IDENTIFYING INFORMATION BY COUNTY  
9     INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:  
10    A. THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENTERING FOSTER CARE WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN  
11    ADOPTED;  
12    B. THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO RECEIVED POST-ADOPTION SERVICES;  
13    C. THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN PARAGRAPH A OF THIS SUBDIVISION WHO HAD  
14    RECEIVED POST-ADOPTION SERVICES AND WHAT TYPE OF SERVICES WERE RENDERED;  
15    D. THE NUMBER OF DENIED REQUESTS FOR SERVICES, AND THE REASON FOR SUCH  
16    DENIALS; AND  
17    E. THE TYPE OF SERVICE FOR WHICH REQUESTS WERE DENIED.  
18    2. THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO  
19    THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE  
20    MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE NO  
21    LATER THAN SEPTEMBER FIRST OF EACH YEAR WITH THE DATA AND INFORMATION  
22    REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR. THE  
23    OFFICE SHALL INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF POST-ADOPTION  
24    SERVICES STATEWIDE AND REGIONALLY, THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF  
25    SUCH SERVICES PREVENTS THE DISRUPTION OF ADOPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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1 FOR SPECIFIC SERVICES TO PROMOTE THE PERMANENCY OF ADOPTIVE PLACEMENTS.  
2 THE OFFICE SHALL INDICATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE INFORMATION COLLECTED  
3 REFLECTS THE TOTAL POPULATION DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS  
4 SECTION, AND IDENTIFY ANY IMPEDIMENTS TO COLLECTING SUCH INFORMATION.  
5 S 2. This act shall take effect the thirty-first of August next  
6 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law; provided,  
7 however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
8 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
9 this act on its effective date is authorized and directed to be made and  
10 completed on or before such effective date.