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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, DINOWITZ, ENGLEBRIGHT, ORTIZ, JAFFEE -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. AUBRY, CLARK, COOK, GOTTFRIED, GUNTHER, HOOPER, PERRY, SCARBOROUGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing school-outreach domestic violence prevention programs

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

Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 459-a of the social services law, as amended by chapter 169 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

5. "Non-residential program for victims of domestic violence" means any program operated by a not-for-profit organization, for the purpose of providing non-residential services to victims of domestic violence, including, but not limited to, information and referral services, advocacy, counseling, and community education and outreach activities and providing or arranging for hotline services. Victims of domestic violence and their children, if any, shall constitute at least seventy percent of the clientele of such programs; PROVIDED THAT CLIENTELE IN A SCHOOL-OUTREACH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM SHALL BE DISREGARDED IN MAKING THIS CALCULATION.

S 2. Section 459-c of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. (A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION AND THE REGULATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, A SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT SHALL PURCHASE FROM A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OPERATING A NON-RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND PROVIDE TO STUDENTS WITHIN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL SETTINGS A PROGRAM OF INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES, ADVOCACY, COUNSELING, AND EDUCATION ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

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

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(B) TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED EXPRESSLY THEREFOR, STATE REIMBURSEMENT SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE EXPENDITURES MADE BY A SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT FOR PROGRAMS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law; provided that the commissioner of the office of children and family services is authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations and take any other measures necessary to implement this act on its effective date on or before such date.