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Introduced by M. of A. SCARBOROUGH, CAMARA -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the office of children and family services and facilitating use of alternatives to detention programs

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of section 501 of the executive law, subdivisions 12, 13 and 14 as renumbered by chapter 465 of the laws of 1992, subdivision 16 as renumbered by chapter 170 of the laws of 1994, are renumbered subdivisions 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 and a new subdivision 9 is added to read as follows:

9. (A) TO ENCOURAGE AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS AND TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF ALTERNATIVE TO DETENTION AND PLACEMENT PROGRAMS AND TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY IN THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO PERSONS ALLEGED OR DETERMINED TO BE IN NEED OF SUPERVISION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT AND FOR PERSONS ALLEGED OR DETERMINED TO BE JUVENILE DELINQUENTS AT RISK OF DETENTION OR PLACEMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE THREE OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, SUCH PROGRAMS MAY INCLUDE PROGRAMS WITH THE GOAL OF REDUCING RISK BEHAVIORS AMONG YOUTH AND PROMOTING POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

(B) INTER-COUNTY UTILIZATION OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES SHALL BE ENCOURAGED BY THE OFFICE TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AND TO PROMOTE THE MAXIMIZATION OF RESOURCES. THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES WHICH SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, IDENTIFYING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR INTER-COUNTY UTILIZATION, MAKING ANY FEASIBLE PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE INTER-COUNTY UTILIZATION, AND ASSISTING THE COLLABORATION OF COUNTIES AND COUNTY AGENCIES WITHIN A REGIONAL AREA. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, INTER-COUNTY UTILIZATION

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

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SHALL MEAN THE COOPERATIVE SHARING OF ALTERNATIVE TO DETENTION AND PLACEMENT PROGRAMS, SO THAT YOUTH MAY UTILIZE SUCH PROGRAMS OUTSIDE HIS OR HER OWN COUNTY RESIDENCE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.