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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 executive law, in relation to requiring the office of children and family services to collect certain data and prepare a report regarding youth discharged from foster care

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

Section 1. Section 501 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 17 to read as follows:

17. TO PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING YOUTH DISCHARGED FROM FOSTER CARE. "YOUTH" SHALL MEAN ANYONE UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISCHARGE OUTCOMES OF YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE SHALL BE COLLECTED AND INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT: (A) NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO ARE PLACED WITH FAMILY, DISAGGREGATED BY AGE FROM ZERO TO TWENTY YEARS OF AGE; (B) NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO DID NOT CONSENT TO REMAIN IN FOSTER CARE PAST AGE EIGHTEEN AND FOR WHOM THE COURT APPROVED A DISCHARGE FROM FOSTER CARE, DISAGGREGATED BY AGE FROM EIGHTEEN TO TWENTY YEARS OF AGE; (C) NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO AGED OUT AT TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE; (D) NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO HAVE A PERMANENT CONNECTION TO A CARING ADULT; (E) NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO APPLIED FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE; "HOUSING ASSISTANCE" MEANS ANY FORM OF HELP DESIGNED TO ASSIST YOUTH WITH FINDING AND MAINTAINING A PLACE OF RESIDENCE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AN ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES (ACS) HOUSING SUBSIDY, RENTAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FROM ANY OTHER CITY AGENCY, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, OR ANY OTHER ASSISTANCE SUFFICIENT TO OBTAIN ADEQUATE HOUSING; (F) NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO HAVE BEEN FOUND ELIGIBLE FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE, WHETHER PRIVATE, FEDERAL, STATE OR CITY-SUBSIDIZED OR OPERATED, INCLUDING INFORMATION SPECIFYING THE SPECIFIC SUBSIDIES OR RESOURCES UTILIZED; (G) NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL, DISAGGREGATED BY SPECIAL EDUCATION STATUS AND BY AGE AS FOLLOWS: UNDER SIXTEEN; SIXTEEN THROUGH EIGHTEEN; OVER EIGHTEEN; (H)

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

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NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROVED HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM, DISAGGREGATED BY AGE AS FOLLOWS: UNDER SIXTEEN; SIXTEEN THROUGH EIGHTEEN; OVER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE; (I) NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO LEFT FOSTER CARE TO ALTERNATIVE SAFE AND STABLE HOUSING, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AN APARTMENT OR OTHER PLACE OF RESIDENCE SHARED WITH FRIENDS OR FAMILY MEMBERS, OR REMAINED IN THE HOME OF THEIR FOSTER FAMILIES; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT THIS INFORMATION SHALL BE INCLUDED IN SUCH REPORT ONLY UPON REQUIRED NEW YORK STATE APPROVAL OF NECESSARY CHANGES TO THE DISCHARGE CHECKLIST FORM COMPLETED BY THE ACS CONTRACTED FOSTER CARE AGENCY, BEGINNING WITH THE REPORT FOR THE SECOND CALENDAR YEAR FOLLOWING SUCH APPROVAL; (J) NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL, DISAGGREGATED BY THE TYPE OF DIPLOMA OR CREDENTIAL CERTIFICATION RECEIVED; (K) NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO PASSED THE TEST ASSESSING SECONDARY COMPLETION (TASC) HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TEST; (L) NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO OBTAINED A FEDERAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOUCHER (ETV); (M) NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO ARE ENROLLED IN COLLEGE; (N) NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO WERE ENROLLED IN A VOCATIONAL/TRADE PROGRAM AT THE TIME OF DISCHARGE; AND (O) NUMBER OF YOUTH WHO OBTAINED A COLLEGE DIPLOMA, DISAGGREGATED BY THE TYPE OF DIPLOMA RECEIVED. NO INFORMATION THAT IS OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE REPORTED IN A MANNER THAT WOULD VIOLATE ANY APPLICABLE PROVISION OF FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAW RELATING TO THE PRIVACY OF INFORMATION RESPECTING YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE OR THAT WOULD INTERFERE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS OR OTHERWISE CONFLICT WITH THE INTERESTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.