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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing a mentoring program within the office of children and family services

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 504-c to read as follows:

S 504-C. MENTORING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES A MENTOR PROGRAM TO ASSIST YOUTH RELEASED FROM FACILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IN RESUMING PRODUCTIVE LIVES, DEVELOPING SKILLS AND REDUCING RECIDIVISM. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

2. AS PART OF SUCH PROGRAM THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH STUDENTS MATRICULATING AT THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK TO SERVE AS MENTOR-ROLE MODELS FOR SELECTED YOUTHS. IN RETURN FOR SUCH SERVICES, MENTOR-ROLE MODELS SHALL BE GRANTED UP TO SIX ACADEMIC CREDITS PER ACADEMIC YEAR TOWARD HIS OR HER DEGREE.

3. A MENTORING PROGRAM CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOT RESULT IN THE DISPLACEMENT OF ANY CURRENTLY EMPLOYED WORKER WITHIN THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES OR THE LOSS OF POSITION, INCLUDING THE PARTIAL DISPLACEMENT SUCH AS REDUCTION IN THE HOURS OF NON-OVERTIME, WAGES, OR EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, OR RESULT IN THE IMPAIRMENT OF EXISTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

4. THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH REGULATIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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