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Introduced by M. of A. HEVESI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the state finance law and the social services law, in relation to factoring in the cultural competency and linguistic accessibility of privatization contracts

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 161 of the state finance law is amended by adding a new paragraph o to read as follows:

O. ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR PRIVATIZATION CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-C OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, SUCH GUIDELINES SHALL REQUIRE CRITERIA TO ELEVATE CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND LINGUISTIC ACCESSIBILITY OF SERVICES FOR SUCH CONTRACT.

S 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 20-c of the social services law, as added by section 151 of part B of chapter 436 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Social services districts may enter into a contract or agreement for the performance of functions, duties or obligations required to be performed pursuant to this chapter, however, the collective bargaining representative of employees who normally perform such functions or provide such services for such social services district shall be permitted the opportunity to competitively bid for any contract let pursuant to this section with the overall cost [and quality], CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND LINGUISTIC ACCESSIBILITY of the proposal being major criteria in the selection.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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