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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to direct the office of children and family services to complete a report on the impact of a tax deduction for expenses, including adoption fees, medical and legal fees, court costs and any other related expenses paid or incurred by a taxpayer attributed to the adoption of a child in foster care

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

- 1 Section 1. 1. The office of children and family services, in consulta-
2 tion with the department of taxation and finance, shall complete a
3 report on the impact of a tax deduction for expenses, including adoption
4 fees, medical and legal fees, court costs and any other related expenses
5 paid or incurred by a taxpayer attributed to the adoption of a child in
6 foster care.
- 7 2. Such report shall include, but not be limited to:
- 8 (a) the trend of adoptions for children in foster care over the past
9 ten years;
- 10 (b) how many children have aged out of foster care in the past ten
11 years while in the custody of the state;
- 12 (c) the length of the waiting period prior to adoption for children
13 who were in the state foster care system;
- 14 (d) the racial and ethnic breakdown of children adopted;
- 15 (e) the current number of children who have been placed in the foster
16 care system more than once over the past three years;
- 17 (f) the number of children in foster care with a parent or parents in
18 prison;
- 19 (g) efforts in place by the office of children and family services to
20 help promote adoption awareness, education and possibilities for chil-
21 dren in the foster care system that are eligible for adoption; and
- 22 (h) the total amount spent by the office of children and family
23 services and organizations contracted by such office in the promotion of
24 adoptions.

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

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1 3. The report required pursuant to this act shall be provided to the
2 governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the
3 assembly, the minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of
4 the assembly, on or before July 30, 2017.

5 S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
6 have become a law.