## STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to any unearned income of a child in certain circumstances

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 8 of section 131-a of the social services law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (ix) to read 3 as follows:

(ix) any unearned income of a child when the parent or non-parent 5 caregiver chooses to exclude such child from the public assistance 6 household pursuant to subdivision one of section one hundred thirty-one-c of this article.

§ 2. The section heading of section 131-c of the social services law, as added by chapter 42 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

Inclusion of parents [and siblings] of a minor in the public assist-11 12 ance household.

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§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 131-c of the social services law, as 14 added by chapter 42 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

1. For the purposes of determining eligibility for and the amount of

- assistance payable, the social services district shall, when a minor is named as an applicant for public assistance, require that his or her parents [and minor brothers and sisters] also apply for assistance and be included in the household for purposes of determining eligibility and
- 20 grant amounts, if such individuals reside in the same dwelling unit as the minor applying for assistance. Any income of or available for such
- 22 parents, [brothers and sisters] which is not disregarded under subdivi-
- sion eight of section one hundred thirty-one-a of this article, shall be
- 24 considered available to such household. [The provisions of A parent or
- 25 non-parent caregiver may choose to exclude any other child or children

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

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residing in the same dwelling unit from the public assistance household.

Nothing in this [subdivision] chapter shall [not apply to] require individuals who are recipients of federal supplemental security income benefits, or who receive additional state payments pursuant to this chapter, or [to individuals] whose relationship to the minor is that of a brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother [or], stepsister, or cousin, or [to] any other individuals whose needs are excluded pursuant to department regulations consistent with federal law and regulations, to be included as part of the public assistance household.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.