

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. JAFFEE, HEVESI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to services for relative and non-relative kinship caregivers

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

Section 1. Section 392 of the social services law, as added by section 3 of part F of chapter 58 of the laws of 2010, is amended read as follows:

§ 392. Services for relative and non-relative kinship caregivers. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, when a local social services district is in contact with a relative or non-relative kinship caregiver or a suitable person who the district has approached about being a kinship caregiver, [local social services districts] such district shall ~~[make]~~ provide written information as described in subdivision two of this section to such caregivers or prospective suitable persons. Such information shall also be made available through the ~~[district's]~~ website ~~[or]~~ of both the office and the district and by other appropriate means ~~[information for]~~ in a manner accessible to relatives and non-relatives caring for children outside of the foster care system.

2. Such information shall include but not ~~[necessarily]~~ be limited to: ~~[1.] a.~~ information relating to child only grants, including but not limited to, how to apply for child only grants; ~~[and]~~ b. information about how to become a kinship foster parent and other options for care; and

~~[2.] c.~~ information on how to contact the department of family assistance ~~[or]~~ kinship programs and any resources funded through or operating in the local ~~[department of]~~ social services ~~[funded resources]~~ district for relative and non-relative kinship caregivers, including those that provide supportive services for all relative and non-relative kinship caregivers in the district.

§ 2. 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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