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## SENATE - ASSEMBLY

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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sens. KENNEDY, BRESLIN, DILAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. PEOPLES-STOKES, BLAKE, SANTABARBARA, WALKER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to staff qualifications for non-supervisory and supervisory child protective services workers

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision 4 of section 421 of  
2 the social services law, paragraph (a) as amended and paragraph (b) as  
3 added by chapter 525 of the laws of 2006, are amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 (a) after consultation with the local child protective services,  
6 promulgate regulations relating to staff qualifications for non-supervi-  
7 sory child protective services workers, prescribing [~~any~~] at least a  
8 baccalaureate or equivalent college degree in social work, psychology,  
9 counseling and/or relevant [~~human-service~~] experience in law enforce-  
10 ment, counseling or work with mental health or cognitively impaired  
11 persons and children as requirements. Such requirements shall not apply  
12 to persons currently employed by such child protective services who were  
13 hired before [~~January first, nineteen hundred eighty-six~~] the effective  
14 date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand seventeen that amended  
15 this paragraph.

16 (b) after consultation with the local child protective services,  
17 promulgate regulations relating to staff qualifications for those  
18 assigned to be supervisors of child protective services[~~, prescribing~~  
19 ~~any baccalaureate or equivalent college degree and/or relevant human~~

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

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1 ~~services experience as requirements~~]. Provided, however, that such regu-  
2 lations shall at a minimum provide that those assigned to be supervisors  
3 of child protective services have [~~either a baccalaureate~~] at least a  
4 master's degree [~~or three~~] in social work, psychology, counseling and/or  
5 ten years of relevant work experience in [~~a human services field~~] law  
6 enforcement, counseling or work with mental health or cognitively  
7 impaired persons and children. Such requirements shall not apply to  
8 persons currently assigned to be a child protective services supervisor  
9 who were hired before [~~December first, two thousand six~~] the effective  
10 date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand seventeen that amended  
11 this paragraph.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.