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IN SENATE

March 22, 2018

Introduced by Sen. SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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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