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# IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to authorizing runaway youth to remain in the runaway youth program up to ninety days without filing a petition

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 532-b of the executive law, as amended by section 7 of part G of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

2. The runaway youth may remain in the program on a voluntary basis for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of admission where the filing of a petition pursuant to article ten of the family court act is not contemplated, in order that arrangements can be made for the runaway youth's return home, alternative residential placement pursuant to section three hundred ninety-eight of the social services law, or any other suitable plan. If the runaway youth and the parent, guardian or custodian agree, in writing, the runaway youth may remain in the runaway program up to [~~sixty~~] **ninety** days without the filing of a petition pursuant to article ten of the family court act, provided that in any such case the facility shall first have obtained the approval of the applicable municipal runaway coordinator, who shall notify the municipality's youth bureau of his or her approval together with a statement as to the reason why such additional residential stay is necessary and a description of the efforts being made to find suitable alternative living arrangements for such youth.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivision 2 of section 532-b of the executive law made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith.

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

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