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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:

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

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

(b) after consultation with the local child protective services, promulgate regulations relating to staff qualifications for those assigned to be supervisors of child protective services[~~, prescribing 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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~~services experience as requirements~~]. Provided, however, that such regulations shall at a minimum provide that those assigned to be supervisors of child protective services have [~~either a baccalaureate~~] **at least a master's** degree [~~or three~~] **in social work, psychology, counseling and/or ten** years of relevant work experience in [~~a human services field~~] **law enforcement, counseling or work with mental health or cognitively impaired persons and children**. Such requirements shall not apply to persons currently assigned to be a child protective services supervisor who were hired before [~~December first, two thousand six~~] **the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand seventeen that amended this paragraph**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.