# 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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