

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. PARKER, BAILEY, MONTGOMERY, SEPULVEDA -- 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 enacting the New  
York State Reuniting Families Act

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New York  
2 State Reuniting Families Act."

3 § 2. Clause (D) of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (1) of subdivision 3  
4 of section 384-b of the social services law, as amended by chapter 113  
5 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

6 (D) the parent or parents are incarcerated, involved in immigration  
7 removal proceedings, including detention or deportation, or participat-  
8 ing in a residential substance abuse treatment program, or the prior  
9 incarceration, involvement in immigration removal proceedings, including  
10 detention or deportation, or participation of a parent or parents in a  
11 residential substance abuse treatment program is a significant factor in  
12 why the child has been in foster care for fifteen of the last twenty-two  
13 months, provided that the parent maintains a meaningful role in the  
14 child's life based on the criteria set forth in subparagraph (v) of this  
15 paragraph and the agency has not documented a reason why it would other-  
16 wise be appropriate to file a petition pursuant to this section.

17 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
18 have become a law.

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

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