

# 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 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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 Assembly, 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, in immigration detention  
7 or immigration removal proceedings, or participating in a residential  
8 substance abuse treatment program, or the prior incarceration, immi-  
9 gration detention or immigration removal proceedings, or participation  
10 of a parent or parents in a residential substance abuse treatment  
11 program is a significant factor in why the child has been in foster care  
12 for fifteen of the last twenty-two months, provided that the parent  
13 maintains a meaningful role in the child's life based on the criteria  
14 set forth in subparagraph (v) of this paragraph and the agency has not  
15 documented a reason why it would otherwise be appropriate to file a  
16 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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