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# IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- 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 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 nineteen 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 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**

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

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**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 nineteen that amended this paragraph**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.