STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 12, 2020

Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring the office of children and family services to maintain a database of available beds for runaway and/or homeless youth

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

Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 532-e of the executive law is renumbered subdivision 9.

§ 2. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 7 of section 532-e of the executive law, as added by chapter 361 of the laws of 2019, is amended and a new subdivision 8 is added to read as follows:

(e) how to address the families of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth; [~~and~~]

8. work with service providers to gather information to create and maintain a publicly searchable database of available beds at residential facilities currently available for runaway and/or homeless youth on the office's website and on a companion phone application. Such database shall be updated in real time and shall provide and be searchable by the following information:

(a) the name and address of the facility;

(b) the number of beds available at the facility;

(c) the age range allowable for the available bed;

(d) the length of time the runaway and/or homeless youth may stay at the facility; and

(e) the services offered at the facility; and

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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