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IN SENATE

May 26, 2020

Introduced by Sens. PERSAUD, MONTGOMERY -- 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 reporting data on child welfare preventive services

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

Section 1. Section 409-a of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 11 to read as follows:

11. (a) The office of children and family services shall collect the following data regarding preventive services, as defined in section four hundred nine of this title, and compile an annual report on such data by local social services district:

(i) the total number of children and families receiving preventive services at the end of each month;

(ii) the total annual number of unduplicated children and families receiving preventive services including how many new preventive cases were opened during the preceding calendar year and to the extent practicable, the referral source for each new case;

(iii) the average length of time preventive services were provided for each child or family during the preceding calendar year, as well as an indication of whether such case had been closed during such year;

(iv) a descriptive list of the services and their utilization rate in each local social services district which utilize preventive service funding as allowable under section one hundred fifty-three-k of this chapter;

(v) a descriptive list, and their utilization rate if practicable, of other preventive services provided by a local social services district that does not utilize preventive service funding pursuant to section one hundred fifty-three-k of this chapter. For purposes of this paragraph, other preventive services shall include primary preventive services which may be funded through community optional preventive services funding, home visiting funds or other federal, state or local funds;

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

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(vi) the total number of children who entered foster care during the preceding calendar year who had received preventive services at any point during the twelve-months prior to their entry into foster care; and

(vii) any other information the commissioner may deem necessary to include in said report.

(b) The office of children and family services shall submit such report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, the chairpersons of the assembly and senate children and families committees, the chairperson of the assembly ways and means committee and the chairperson of the senate finance committee starting no later than September first, two thousand twenty-one. Such report shall include data and information required by paragraph (a) of this subdivision for the preceding calendar year, to the extent such information is available. When practicable, such information shall be disaggregated by age, sex, race and ethnicity.

(c) The initial report shall include the aforementioned data from the preceding two calendar years.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.