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Introduced by M. of A. HEVESI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to identification and screening for deficiencies in executive functioning

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

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 152-c to read as follows:

§ 152-c. Screening for deficiencies in executive functioning. 1. The commissioner of the office of temporary and disability assistance, in conjunction with the commissioner of mental health and any other appropriate state agency which the commissioner deems necessary, shall, by June thirtieth, two thousand twenty, develop a program to train medical professionals, social services providers, and social services employees to identify deficiencies in executive functioning. The office shall also establish a facility or facilities for the purpose of providing screening of individuals for such deficiencies pursuant to this section. Such screening program and facilities shall be developed in consultation with experts in the study of executive functioning and shall utilize rating scales designed to evaluate the range of deficits in clinic-referred or high-risk individuals in their executive functioning.

2. For the purposes of this section, the term "executive functioning" shall mean the use of self-directed actions, including self-awareness, self-monitoring, inhibition, non-verbal working memory, verbal working memory, planning, and problem-solving, to choose goals to select, enact and sustain actions across time toward those goals for the maximization of one's long-term welfare.

§ 2. 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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