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Introduced by M. of A. JAFFEE, WRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to services for relative and non-relative kinship caregivers

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

1 Section 1. Section 392 of the social services law, as added by section
2 3 of part F of chapter 58 of the laws of 2010, is amended read as
3 follows:

4 § 392. Services for relative and non-relative kinship caregivers. 1.
5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, when a local
6 social services district is in contact with a relative or non-relative
7 kinship caregiver or a suitable person who the district has approached
8 about being a kinship caregiver, [~~local social services districts~~] such
9 district shall [~~make~~] provide written information as described in subdi-
10 vision two of this section to such caregivers or prospective suitable
11 persons. Such information shall also be made available through the
12 [~~district's~~] website [~~or~~] of both the office and the district and by
13 other appropriate means [~~information for~~] in a manner accessible to
14 relatives and non-relatives caring for children outside of the foster
15 care system.

16 2. Such information shall include but not [~~necessarily~~] be limited to:
17 [~~1-~~] a. information relating to child only grants, including but not
18 limited to, how to apply for child only grants; [~~and~~]

19 b. information about how to become a kinship foster parent and other
20 options for care; and

21 [~~2-~~] c. information on how to contact the department of family assist-
22 ance [~~or~~] kinship programs and any resources funded through or operating
23 in the local [~~department of~~] social services [~~funded resources~~] district
24 for relative and non-relative kinship caregivers, including those that

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

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1 provide supportive services for all relative and non-relative kinship
2 caregivers in the district.
3 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
4 have become a law.