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

AN ACT to amend a chapter of the laws of 2018 relating to the establishment of a pilot program to provide job and vocational skills training to youth who have been adjudicated juvenile delinquents or juvenile offenders residing in a facility overseen by the office of children and family services, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.2084 and A.2449, in relation to making certain provisions permanent

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

Section 1. Section 1 of a chapter of the laws of 2018 relating to the establishment of a pilot program to provide job and vocational skills training to youth who have been adjudicated juvenile delinquents or juvenile offenders residing in a facility overseen by the office of children and family services, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.2084 and A.2449, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the [~~department of labor, in consultation with the~~] office of children and family services shall [~~conduct a pilot program to~~] provide job and vocational skills training to youth who have been adjudicated juvenile delinquents or juvenile offenders under article 3 of the family court act and who are residing in a facility overseen by the office of children and family services as defined in section 504 or 504-a of the executive law[~~. Such pilot program shall be conducted~~], in at least three residential facilities [~~chosen~~] operated by the office of children and family services. [~~The office of children and family services shall choose the three facilities in which the pilot program will be conducted as considering factors including, but not limited to, existing vocational and job skills training programs, the need for expansion of such programs, the average length of stay, and age of youth at the specific facilities. Such pilot program~~] Job and vocational skills training for

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

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youth in facilities operated by the office of children and family services shall use a combination of integrated support services, educational, vocational and job skill training to provide youth with skills needed to advance to higher levels of education and higher wage jobs in growing occupational fields. Youth wishing to participate in such [~~program~~] job and vocational skills training who are also attending school or are receiving educational services within the facility, [~~must be given an option~~] shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in the program at a time that does not conflict with their school or education schedule or requirements.

§ 2. Section 3 of a chapter of the laws of 2018 relating to the establishment of a pilot program to provide job and vocational skills training to youth who have been adjudicated juvenile delinquents or juvenile offenders residing in a facility overseen by the office of children and family services, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.2084 and A.2449, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3. To the extent [~~possible~~] practicable, [~~the department of labor and~~] the office of children and family services shall work in collaboration with the department of labor and community organizations operating in or around the counties where the facilities [~~chosen for the pilot program~~] operated by the office of children and family services providing job and vocational skills training are located. Such community organizations may include, but not be limited to, not-for-profit organizations, faith based organizations, local development corporations and small businesses.

§ 3. Section 4 of a chapter of the laws of 2018 relating to the establishment of a pilot program to provide job and vocational skills training to youth who have been adjudicated juvenile delinquents or juvenile offenders residing in a facility overseen by the office of children and family services, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.2084 and A.2449, is amended to read as follows:

§ 4. The [~~department of labor and the~~] office of children and family services, in consultation with the department of labor, shall issue a [~~joint~~] report on the [~~status of the pilot program~~] job and vocational skills training services for youth in facilities operated by the office of children and family services to the chair of the New York state senate standing committee on children and families, the chair of the New York state senate standing committee on labor, the chair of the New York state assembly standing committee on children and families and the chair of the New York state assembly standing committee on labor by December 31, 2019 and every three years thereafter. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the status of the [~~program~~] job and vocational skills training programs in facilities directly operated by the office of children and family services, the number of youth served in [~~the program~~] such programs, the average length of time youth received job or vocational skills training services in [~~the program~~] such programs, and aggregate information on the employment and educational outcomes of the youth participants if known, as of November 30[~~, 2019~~] of each year of the years covered by the report.

§ 4. Section 5 of a chapter of the laws of 2018 relating to the establishment of a pilot program to provide job and vocational skills training to youth who have been adjudicated juvenile delinquents or juvenile offenders residing in a facility overseen by the office of children and family services, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.2084 and A.2449, is amended to read as follows:

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately [~~and shall expire and be deemed repealed April 1, 2020~~].

§ 5. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2018 relating to the establishment of a pilot program to provide job and vocational skills training to youth who have been adjudicated juvenile delinquents or juvenile offenders residing in a facility overseen by the office of children and family services, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.2084 and A.2449, takes effect.