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IN SENATE

January 29, 2019

Introduced by Sen. SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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:

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

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

2. Such information shall include but not [~~necessarily~~] be limited to:

[~~1.~~] **a.** information relating to child only grants, including but not limited to, how to apply for child only grants; [~~and~~]

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

[~~2.~~] **c.** information on **how to contact the** department of family assistance [~~or~~] **kinship programs and any resources funded through or operating in the** local [~~department of~~] social services [~~funded resources~~] **district** 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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provide supportive services for **all** relative **and non-relative kinship** caregivers **in the district**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.