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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:

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.