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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring child care providers to be trained on the impacts and dangers of congenital cytomegalovirus infection and the treatments and methods of prevention of cytomegalovirus infection; and to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring certain physicians to distribute informational materials concerning cytomegalovirus

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Elizabeth's law".

§ 2. Subparagraphs (ix) and (x) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 390-a of the social services law, subparagraph (ix) as amended and subparagraph (x) as added by chapter 675 of the laws of 2019, are amended to read as follows:

(ix) for operators, program directors, employees and assistants of family day care homes, group family day care homes and child day care centers, education and information on the identification, diagnosis and prevention of shaken baby syndrome; [~~and~~]

(x) adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), focused on understanding trauma and on nurturing resiliency**; and**

(xi) occurrence, transmission, birth defects, methods of diagnosis and preventive measures of Cytomegalovirus.

§ 3. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2523 to read as follows:

§ 2523. Cytomegalovirus. 1. The commissioner shall develop comprehensive informational materials, which shall include, but not be limited to, the symptoms, the risks, the transmission and the prevention of cytomegalovirus and the effects that such virus may have on the pregnant individual and the child.

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

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2. The commissioner shall distribute such cytomegalovirus informational materials to licensed physicians who practice obstetric and/or gynecology in this state. Such physicians shall provide such informational material to each pregnant patient during such patient's first appointment with such physician. Such physician shall also discuss the risks associated with and the transmission of cytomegalovirus with such patient.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.