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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. O'MARA -- 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 the state reimbursement of county payments for certain document management software designed specifically for the child welfare industry

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

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 390-m to read as follows:

§ 390-m. State reimbursement for document management software. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the state shall reimburse a local social services district the full amount expended by the local social services district to provide services to children who are the subject of abuse, neglect or other forms of maltreatment via the use of document management software designed specifically for the child welfare industry. Document management software shall be reimbursed by the state if the county has previously purchased or intends to purchase such software. For the purposes of this section, "document management software" shall mean a database application that utilizes advanced document capture, storage, and retrieval technology to establish a paperless environment both within the agency and in the field. Any county that has previously purchased such software must supply adequate documentation, including any receipts, that details such purchase. The state shall disburse grants, when applicable, from the general fund for this purpose.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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