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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:

1 Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section  
2 390-m to read as follows:

3 § 390-m. State reimbursement for document management software.  
4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the state shall reimburse a  
5 local social services district the full amount expended by the local  
6 social services district to provide services to children who are the  
7 subject of abuse, neglect or other forms of maltreatment via the use of  
8 document management software designed specifically for the child welfare  
9 industry. Document management software shall be reimbursed by the state  
10 if the county has previously purchased or intends to purchase such soft-  
11 ware. For the purposes of this section, "document management software"  
12 shall mean a database application that utilizes advanced document  
13 capture, storage, and retrieval technology to establish a paperless  
14 environment both within the agency and in the field. Any county that has  
15 previously purchased such software must supply adequate documentation,  
16 including any receipts, that details such purchase. The state shall  
17 disburse grants, when applicable, from the general fund for this  
18 purpose.

19 § 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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