

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

April 22, 2022

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Introduced by Sen. BRISPORT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to reporting of youth placed in foster care settings and recruitment of foster parents; and to repeal section 2 of chapter 11 of the laws of 2021, relating to directing the office of children and family services to make information publicly available on the number of youth placed in foster care settings and recruitment of foster parents and the effectiveness thereof

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

1 Section 1. Section 2 of chapter 11 of the laws of 2021, relating to  
2 directing the office of children and family services to make information  
3 publicly available on the number of youth placed in foster care settings  
4 and recruitment of foster parents and the effectiveness thereof, is  
5 REPEALED.

6 § 2. Section 17 of the social services law is amended by adding a new  
7 subdivision (1) to read as follows:

8 (1) submit a report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the  
9 temporary president of the senate, the minority leader of the assembly  
10 and the minority leader of the senate beginning December thirty-first,  
11 two thousand twenty-three, and biannually thereafter, regarding youth  
12 placed in foster care settings and the recruitment of foster parents.  
13 Such report shall be made publicly available online and shall provide  
14 information, as required pursuant to this subdivision, aggregated by  
15 local social services districts and foster care settings. For the  
16 purposes of this subdivision, foster care settings shall include, but  
17 not be limited to, foster boarding homes, approved relative homes, group  
18 homes, group residences, agency operated boarding homes, supervised  
19 independent living arrangements, therapeutic foster care and child care  
20 institutions. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the  
21 following information:

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

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1 (i) the total number of youth placed in a foster care setting at the  
2 time of the report, as well as a comparison to the total number of youth  
3 in care since the previous report was submitted;

4 (ii) the reasons why such youth have been placed in a foster care  
5 setting, with the total number of youth per category at the time of the  
6 report. Such reasons shall include, but not be limited to, voluntary  
7 placement pursuant to section three hundred fifty-eight-a of this chap-  
8 ter, a termination of parental rights pursuant to section three hundred  
9 eighty-four-b of this chapter, placements pursuant to articles ten and  
10 ten-C of the family court act, or pursuant to a contract, grant or other  
11 agreement with the federal government;

12 (iii) to the extent such information is available, the total number of  
13 youth placed in a foster care setting at the time of the report that are  
14 in need of or receiving specialized services, either due to a mental  
15 health illness or another disorder that may require additional supports  
16 and services, including specialized educational services;

17 (iv) to the extent such information is available, how many youth at  
18 the time of the report have been previously placed in a foster care  
19 setting in the state;

20 (v) the total number of foster families that are currently certified  
21 in the state at the time of the report and whether that number has  
22 increased or decreased since the previous report was submitted;

23 (vi) how many children and/or families have received preventive  
24 services through a local social services district, and of those children  
25 and/or families, how many youth were successfully kept out of foster  
26 care due to such services within the last calendar year for the initial  
27 report, and then since the previous report was submitted for all subse-  
28 quent reports;

29 (vii) the total number of placement options that have been certified  
30 as a qualified residential treatment program, as defined by 42 USCS §  
31 672; and

32 (viii) the efforts the state has taken to recruit and retain foster  
33 parents in the state.

34 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.