STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 2, 2022

Introduced by Sen. BRISPORT -- 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 removing unnecessary barriers to child care subsidies for eligible children and families

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 410 of the social services law, as added by chapter 395 of the laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

1. A public welfare official of a county, city or town [~~is authorized~~] **shall**, provided funds have been made available therefor[~~, to~~] **and with the state making all reasonable efforts to obtain federal funding and supplementing such funding with additional state funding,** provide day care at public expense for children residing in his **or her** territory who are eligible therefor pursuant to provisions of this title. Such care [~~may~~] **shall** be provided [~~only in cases where it is determined,~~] under criteria established by the [~~department, that there is a need therefor because of inability of the parents to provide care and supervision for a substantial part of the day and that such care is in the best interest of the child and parent~~] **office of children and family services; provided, however, that the public welfare official shall not limit authorized child care services based on proof of immigration status**. Where the family is able to pay part or all of the costs of such care, payment of such fees as may be reasonable in the light of such ability shall be required.

§ 2. Section 410-w of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 11 to read as follows:

11. For purposes of determining employment status and income, local social services districts shall accept self-attestation from parents or guardians as an approved form of verification of employment status and income.

§ 3. 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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