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Introduced by Sens. BRISPORT, SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to post adoption services information

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

Section 1. Section 372-h of the social services law, as added by section 1 of part T of chapter 56 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

§ 372-h. Reporting on post adoption services. 1. The office of children and family services shall place information on its website **in English, French, Polish, and the ten most common non-English languages spoken by individuals with limited English proficiency in the state of New York, based on United States census data** regarding post adoption services funded by the office. The office shall work with social services districts to place information, to the extent that it is available, on each social services district website **in English, French, Polish, and the ten most common non-English languages spoken by individuals with limited English proficiency in the state of New York, based on United States census data** regarding post adoption services funded by the social services district. **Authorized agencies shall notify a foster parent, who has expressed interest in adopting a foster child, of such websites listing potentially eligible services for a foster child, upon the adoption of such foster child.**

2. The office of children and family services shall collect and compile, by social services district:

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

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(a) the following information on post adoption services funded by the office:

(i) the number of children and families served; and

(ii) the type of services provided; and

(b) the number of families receiving preventive services where post adoption services was identified as a necessary and appropriate service as part of the family assessment service plan held pursuant to section four hundred nine-e of this article and the status of such services.

3. The office of children and family services shall compile, to the extent that such information is available electronically through the state automated child welfare information system, the following non-identifying information by social services district:

(a) the number of children entering foster care that had previously been adopted;

(b) the number of families receiving preventive services where at least one child in the household had previously been adopted; and

(c) for the children and families identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision, the types of services, including post adoption services, identified as necessary and appropriate for the child or the members of the child's family as part of the family assessment service plan held pursuant to section four hundred nine-e of this article and the status of such services.

4. (a) The office of children and family services shall submit**, and publish on its website,** an annual report to the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate and the chairpersons of the senate and assembly children and families committees starting no later than September first, two thousand fifteen. Such report shall include data and information required by subdivision two of this section for the preceding year, to the extent that such information is available, and any other information the office of children and family services deems appropriate. The office of children and family services shall indicate the extent to which the information collected reflects the total population described in subdivision two of this section, and identify any impediments to collecting such information.

(b) Beginning September first, two thousand seventeen, the annual report required by paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall be expanded to include data and information required by subdivision three of this section for the preceding year, to the extent that such information is available, and any other information the office of children and family services deems appropriate.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.