STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 12, 2021

Introduced by Sen. BAILEY -- 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 criminal history record checks of certain foster youths

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

Section 1. Section 378-a of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. Notwithstanding any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, nothing in this section shall require a foster youth who has obtained the age of eighteen to receive a criminal history record check, unless the youth's foster or adoptive parent or guardian is being certified to care for an additional foster youth who is under the age of eighteen. When a foster parent applies for renewal of a certification or approval as a foster parent, anyone over the age of eighteen living in the home where a new foster youth under the age of eighteen is entering shall be notified of the requirements of subdivision two of this section no later than thirty days prior to approval of such placement.

§ 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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