

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 11, 2021

Introduced by Sen. BRISPORT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the provision of child care by local public welfare officials

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, provided funds have been made available therefor, to 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 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; provided, however, that the public welfare official shall not be required to limit authorized child care services strictly based on the work, training, or educational schedule of the parents or the number of hours the parents spend in work, training, or educational activities. 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. 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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