

STATE OF NEW YORK

6655--A

2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 11, 2021

Introduced by Sens. BRISPORT, GOUNARDES, PERSAUD, SALAZAR -- 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 providing that public welfare officials shall not be required to limit authorized child care services strictly based on the work, training, or educational schedule of the parents and making technical changes

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 and paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section
2 410 of the social services law, subdivision 1 as added by chapter 395 of
3 the laws of 1965 and paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 as amended by chap-
4 ter 875 of the laws of 1986, are amended to read as follows:

5 1. A public welfare official of a county, city or town is authorized,
6 provided funds have been made available therefor, to provide day care at
7 public expense for children residing in his territory who are eligible
8 therefor pursuant to provisions of this title. Such care may be provided
9 only in cases where it is determined, under criteria established by the
10 [~~department~~] office of children and family services, that there is a
11 need [~~therefor because of inability of the parents to provide care and~~
12 ~~supervision for a substantial part of the day~~] and that such care is in
13 the best interest of the child and parent; provided however that the
14 public welfare official shall not be required to limit authorized child
15 care services strictly based on the work, training, or educational sche-
16 dule of the parents or the number of hours the parents spend in work,
17 training, or educational activities. Where the family is able to pay
18 part or all of the costs of such care, payment of such fees as may be
19 reasonable in the light of such ability shall be required.

20 (b) Care under this title may be provided only in group facilities,
21 family homes, group family day care homes or in a day care center

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

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1 project as defined in title five-a which are operated in compliance with
2 applicable regulations of the [~~department~~] office of children and family
3 services. A group facility shall include a public school which provides
4 day care pursuant to this subdivision.

5 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
6 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
7 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
8 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
9 on or before such date.