STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 21, 2022

Introduced by Sen. MAYER -- 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 citizen review panels

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 371-b of the social services law, as added by chapter 136 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

1. There shall be established at least [~~three~~] **one** citizen review [~~panels. At least one panel shall be established for the city of New York and at least two panels shall be established for social services districts or combinations of districts outside of the city of New York~~] **panel in each region of the state established in accordance with section two hundred thirty of the economic development law**. The panel in the city of New York shall create one subcommittee for each borough for the purposes of evaluating the extent to which the state and the social services district are discharging their child protection responsibilities within that particular borough, in accordance with subsection three of this section. The office of children and family services shall make available resources to support the needs of each citizen review panel.

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

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

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