

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 4, 2022

Introduced by Sen. RAMOS -- 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 the duration of child care assistance for eligible families

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 410-w of the social services law,
2 as amended by chapter 569 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 3. A social services district shall guarantee child care assistance to
5 families in receipt of public assistance with children under thirteen
6 years of age when such child care assistance is necessary for a parent
7 or caretaker relative to engage in work or participate in work activ-
8 ities pursuant to the provisions of title nine-B of article five of this
9 chapter. Child care assistance shall continue to be guaranteed for such
10 a family for a period of twelve months or may be provided by a social
11 service district for a period up to twenty-four months, after the month
12 in which the family's eligibility for public assistance has terminated
13 or ended when such child care is necessary in order to enable the parent
14 or caretaker relative to engage in work, provided that the family's
15 public assistance has been terminated as a result of an increase in the
16 hours of or income from employment or increased income from child
17 support payments or because the family voluntarily ended assistance;
18 that the family received public assistance in at least three of the six
19 months preceding the month in which eligibility for such assistance
20 terminated or ended or provided that such family has received child care
21 assistance under subdivision four of this section; and that the family's
22 income does not exceed two hundred percent of the state income standard.
23 Such child day care shall recognize the need for continuity of care for
24 the child and a district shall not move a child from an existing provid-
25 er unless the participant consents to such move.

26 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 410-w of the social services law, as
27 amended by section 2 of part L of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is
28 amended to read as follows:

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

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14 support payments or because the family voluntarily ended assistance;
15 that the family received public assistance in at least three of the six
16 months preceding the month in which eligibility for such assistance
17 terminated or ended or provided that such family has received child care
18 assistance under subdivision four of this section; that the family's
19 income does not exceed two hundred percent of the state income standard,
20 or three hundred percent of the state income standard effective August
21 first, two thousand twenty-two; and that the family income does not
22 exceed eighty-five percent of the state median income. Such child day
23 care shall recognize the need for continuity of care for the child and a
24 district shall not move a child from an existing provider unless the
25 participant consents to such move.

26 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
27 if section 2 of part L of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022 shall not have
28 taken effect on or before such date, then section two of this act shall
29 take effect on the same date and in the same manner as chapter 56 of the
30 laws of 2022 takes effect.