STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 4, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. HEVESI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to extending time frames for updated mandated reporter training

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

Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 413 of the social services law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the social services law relating to updating the mandated reporter training to include how to identify an abused or maltreated child with an intellectual or developmental disability, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6463-A and A. 7366, is amended to read as follows:

6. The office of children and family services shall update training issued to persons and officials required to report cases of suspected child abuse or maltreatment to include guidance on identifying an abused or maltreated child when such child is an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability as defined in section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law. Such guidance shall be developed in consultation with the justice center for the protection of people with special needs. Persons and officials required to report cases of suspected child abuse or maltreatment shall have [~~one year~~] **two years** from the effective date of this subdivision to receive such updated mandated reporter training.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the social services law relating to updating the mandated reporter training to include how to identify an abused or maltreated child with an intellectual or developmental disability, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 6463-A and A. 7366, takes effect.

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

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