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Introduced by Sens. PERSAUD, SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- recommitted to the Committee on Children and Families in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring social services districts to maintain a waiting list of certain families applying for child care assistance

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

1 Section 1. Section 410-z of the social services law, as added by  
2 section 52 of part B of chapter 436 of the laws of 1997, is amended to  
3 read as follows:  
4 § 410-z. Reporting requirements. 1. Each social services district  
5 shall collect and submit to the [department] office of children and  
6 family services, in such form and at such times as specified by the  
7 [department] office of children and family services, such data and  
8 information regarding child care assistance provided under the block  
9 grant as the [department] office of children and family services may  
10 need to comply with federal reporting requirements.  
11 2. (a) Each social services district shall maintain a waiting list of  
12 eligible families who have applied for child care assistance pursuant to  
13 this title and who have not received such assistance. Such waiting list  
14 shall contain information including, but not limited to:  
15 (i) the date the child care assistance was requested;  
16 (ii) the date the child care assistance was received;  
17 (iii) the age of the child or children the assistance was requested on  
18 behalf of; and  
19 (iv) the total number of families on such waiting list as of the first  
20 day of each month.

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

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1 (b) Each district shall issue a report to the office of children and  
2 family services by October fifteenth, two thousand twenty-five, and  
3 annually thereafter detailing month-to-month information required pursu-  
4 ant to this subdivision for the preceding period of October first  
5 through September thirtieth, and shall include the following:

6 (i) the average length of time for families on the waiting list;

7 (ii) the number of families on the waiting list for each of the  
8 following time periods:

9 (A) less than two weeks,

10 (B) two weeks to less than a month,

11 (C) one month to less than three months,

12 (D) three months to less than six months,

13 (E) six months to less than a year, and

14 (F) one year or more;

15 (iii) the average age of children represented on the waiting list;

16 (iv) the number of children represented on the waiting list eligible  
17 for each:

18 (A) infant,

19 (B) toddler,

20 (C) pre-school, and

21 (D) school-aged subsidized child care slots; and

22 (v) the number of existing infant, toddler, pre-school and school-aged  
23 subsidized child care slots;

24 (vi) the number of families who would receive child care assistance  
25 except that they are waiting for available slots in a particular child  
26 care program; and

27 (vii) other information as the district deems appropriate.

28 3. (a) Each social services district shall collect data regarding the  
29 income of families who applied for child care assistance pursuant to  
30 this title, specifying:

31 (i) the number of families who were denied;

32 (ii) the number of families who received such assistance; and

33 (iii) a listing of the incomes pursuant to paragraph (b) of this  
34 subdivision of the families who applied for such assistance.

35 (b) Each district shall issue a report to the office of children and  
36 family services by October fifteenth, two thousand twenty-five, and  
37 annually thereafter, detailing month-to-month information collected  
38 pursuant to this subdivision for the preceding period of October first  
39 through September thirtieth, and shall include the following:

40 (i) the number of all families who applied for and received child care  
41 assistance pursuant to this title whose:

42 (A) incomes were under one hundred one percent of the federal poverty  
43 level for their family size,

44 (B) incomes were between one hundred one percent and two hundred  
45 percent of the federal poverty level for their family size, and

46 (C) incomes were between two hundred one percent and three hundred  
47 percent of the federal poverty level for their family size; and

48 (ii) the number of all families who applied for and were denied child  
49 care assistance pursuant to this title whose:

50 (A) incomes were under one hundred one percent of the federal poverty  
51 level for their family size,

52 (B) incomes were between one hundred one percent and two hundred  
53 percent of the federal poverty level for their family size, and

54 (C) incomes were between two hundred one percent and three hundred  
55 percent of the federal poverty level for their family size.

1 4. The office of children and family services shall compile such  
2 reports pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision two, and paragraph (b)  
3 of subdivision three of this section, into one comprehensive report  
4 containing all required information on a county by county basis. Such  
5 report shall be provided to the governor, the speaker of the assembly,  
6 the temporary president of the senate, the chairperson of the assembly  
7 committee on children and families, the chairperson of the senate  
8 committee on children and families, the chairperson of the assembly  
9 committee on social services, the chairperson of the senate committee on  
10 social services, the chairperson of the assembly ways and means commit-  
11 tee and the chairperson of the senate finance committee no later than  
12 December first, two thousand twenty-five, and annually thereafter.

13 5. Reports issued and compiled under this section shall not use the  
14 name, address, or any other identifying information of an individual who  
15 is the subject of the report and shall ensure the anonymity of those  
16 included in the reports.

17 § 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to require local social  
18 services districts to maintain waiting lists for dates preceding the  
19 effective date of this act, or to collect data pursuant to subdivision 3  
20 of section 410-z of the social services law, as added by section one of  
21 this act, for persons who applied for subsidized child care prior to the  
22 effective date of this act.

23 § 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2024. Effective immediate-  
24 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation  
25 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
26 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.