STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 26, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to child care assistance under the child care block grant

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

Section 1. Section 410-x of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

10. A social services district shall provide child care assistance funded under the block grant for additional or different hours than a parent or caretaker spends in work, training, educational activities or other reasons for care designated by the social services district in its consolidated services plan in accordance with paragraph (e) of subdivision one of section four hundred ten-w of this title, including, but not limited to, paying for full-time child care assistance regardless of the hours of the activity of the parent's or caretaker's reason for care.

§ 2. Section 410-w of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

1-a. For all families eligible for child care assistance pursuant to subdivision one of this section, a social services district shall not limit authorized child care services strictly based on the hours during which the parent or caretaker is engaged in work, education or other activity or the number of hours the parent or caretaker is engaged in any such reasons for care.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth 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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