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Introduced by Sens. PERSAUD, KAVANAGH, 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 -- 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:

Section 1. Section 410-z of the social services law, as added by section 52 of part B of chapter 436 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

§ 410-z. Reporting requirements. 1. Each social services district shall collect and submit to the [department] office of children and family services, in such form and at such times as specified by the [department] office of children and family services, such data and information regarding child care assistance provided under the block grant as the [department] office of children and family services may need to comply with federal reporting requirements.

2. (a) Each social services district shall maintain a waiting list of eligible families who have applied for child care assistance pursuant to this title and who have not received such assistance. Such waiting list shall contain information including, but not limited to:

(i) the date the child care assistance was requested;  
(ii) the date the child care assistance was received;  
(iii) the age of the child or children the assistance was requested on behalf of; and

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

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1 (iv) the total number of families on such waiting list as of the first  
2 day of each month.

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

8 (i) the average length of time for families on the waiting list;  
9 (ii) the number of families on the waiting list for each of the  
10 following time periods:

11 (A) less than two weeks,  
12 (B) two weeks to less than a month,  
13 (C) one month to less than three months,  
14 (D) three months to less than six months,  
15 (E) six months to less than a year, and  
16 (F) one year or more;

17 (iii) the average age of children represented on the waiting list;  
18 (iv) the number of children represented on the waiting list eligible  
19 for each:

20 (A) infant,  
21 (B) toddler,  
22 (C) pre-school, and  
23 (D) school-aged subsidized child care slots; and  
24 (v) the number of existing infant, toddler, pre-school and school-aged  
25 subsidized child care slots;

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

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

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

33 (i) the number of families who were denied;  
34 (ii) the number of families who received such assistance; and  
35 (iii) a listing of the incomes pursuant to paragraph (b) of this  
36 subdivision of the families who applied for such assistance.

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

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

44 (A) incomes were under fifty percent of the state median income level  
45 for their family size,

46 (B) incomes were between fifty percent and seventy-five percent of the  
47 state median income level for their family size, and

48 (C) incomes were between seventy-five and eighty-five percent of the  
49 state median income level for their family size; and

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

52 (A) incomes were under fifty percent of the state median income level  
53 for their family size,

54 (B) incomes were between fifty percent and seventy-five percent of the  
55 state median income level for their family size, and

1 (C) incomes were between seventy-five percent and eighty-five percent  
2 of the state median income level for their family size.

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

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

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

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