STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. RAMOS, CLEARE, COMRIE, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, MAY, SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to implementing automatic market rate increases for child care assistance

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 410-x 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:

4. The amount to be paid [~~or allowed~~] for child care assistance funded under the block grant shall be [~~the actual cost of care but no more than~~] **equal to** the applicable [~~market-related~~] payment rate established by the department in regulations. The payment rates established by the department shall be sufficient to ensure equal access for eligible children to comparable child care assistance in the substate area that are provided to children whose parents are not eligible to receive assistance under any federal or state programs. Such payment rates shall take into account the variations in the costs of providing child care in different settings and to children of different age groups, and the additional costs of providing child care for children with special needs.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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