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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. BAILEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to directing the office of children and family services to establish a center for fatherhood initiatives

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 501-i  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 501-i. The center for fatherhood initiatives. There is hereby  
4 established within the office of children and family services the center  
5 for fatherhood initiatives. The center for fatherhood initiatives shall  
6 issue grants to any and all initiatives regarding the promotion and  
7 advancement of fatherhood, including but not limited to all marginalized  
8 fatherhood groups to help expand opportunities to improve parenting  
9 knowledge, attitudes, and self-efficacy. The center for fatherhood  
10 initiatives shall also provide such services. The commissioner of the  
11 office of children and family services shall promulgate any necessary  
12 rules and regulations for the establishment, operation, and maintenance  
13 of the center for fatherhood initiatives.

14 § 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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