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Introduced by Sens. BAILEY, BROUK, FERNANDEZ, LIU -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families -- 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 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:

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

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth 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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