

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

April 6, 2026

Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to exempting amounts received from any financial settlement for childhood sexual abuse for determining eligibility for or amount of benefits

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

1 Section 1. Section 131-n of the social services law, as amended by  
2 section 16 of part B of chapter 436 of the laws of 1997, is amended by  
3 adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

4 4. If and to the extent permitted by federal law and regulations,  
5 amounts received from any financial settlement for childhood sexual  
6 abuse shall be exempt from consideration as income or resources for the  
7 purposes of determining eligibility for and the amount of benefits under  
8 any program provided under the authority of this chapter.

9 § 2. Section 131-n of the social services law, as amended by chapter  
10 635 of the laws of 1976, is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to  
11 read as follows:

12 3. If and to the extent permitted by federal law and regulations,  
13 amounts received from any financial settlement for childhood sexual  
14 abuse shall be exempt from consideration as income or resources for the  
15 purposes of determining eligibility for and the amount of benefits under  
16 any program provided under the authority of this chapter.

17 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amend-  
18 ments to section 131-n of the social services law made by section one of  
19 this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such subdi-  
20 vision pursuant to section 153 of part B of chapter 436 of the laws of  
21 1997 as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section two of  
22 this act shall take effect.

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

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