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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Disabilities

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to authorizing the justice center for the protection of people with special needs to create a central registry for employees

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 563 to read as follows:

§ 563. Central state registry. 1. The justice center for the protection of people with special needs shall create a central registry which shall handle all criminal background checks for all current and prospective agencies, sponsoring agencies or other providers of services that are certified, authorized, approved or funded through contract by the office for people with developmental disabilities. Such registry shall contain a list of all employees who passed a criminal background check.

2. The justice center shall establish rules and regulations for the sharing of information via a consent form for employees in current and prospective agencies, sponsoring agencies or other providers of services that are certified, authorized, approved or funded through contract by the office for people with developmental disabilities to allow for such employees to work concurrently for or transfer between current or prospective agencies, sponsoring agencies or other providers of services without the need for duplicative criminal background checks.

3. The central state registry shall be accessible to current and prospective agencies, sponsoring agencies or other providers of services that are certified, authorized, approved or funded through contract by the office for people with developmental disabilities upon receipt of the consent form specified in subdivision two of this section by a prospective employee who will work concurrently for or transfer between

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

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a current or prospective agency, sponsoring agency or other providers of services that are certified, authorized, approved or funded through contract by the office for people with developmental disabilities.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.