STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 11, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to allowing persons to request a second hearing to seal child protective services records

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

Section 1. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 8 of section 422 of the social services law is amended by adding a new undesignated paragraph to read as follows:

Provided, however, the subject shall be entitled to request a second hearing to request the sealing of such subject's case no sooner than two years after the date of the first hearing, if such subject provides the office of children and family services evidence that the subject has had a significant change in life circumstances, and there is no evidence the subject has committed maltreatment of a child in the preceding two years. A significant change in life circumstances shall include, but not be limited to, completing services such as drug or alcohol treatment programs, parenting skills classes, or anger management programs; or regular participation in mental health services.

§ 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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