CHAPTER 55 OF THE CONSOLIDATED LAWS
SOCIAL SERVICES LAW

AN ACT relating to social services, constituting chapter fifty-five of the consolidated laws.

Became a law April 18, 1940, with approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present

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

Article 1. Short title; definitions (§§ 1-2).
2. Department and state board of social welfare (§§ 5-40).
2-A. Shelter and supported housing programs (§§ 41-52).
Title 1. Homeless housing and assistance program (§§ 41-44).
2. Single room occupancy support services program (§§ 45--45-g).
4. Homelessness intervention program (§§ 48-52).
3. Local public welfare organization; powers and duties (§§ 56-116).
Title 1. Application (§§ 56-58).
2. Public welfare districts and their responsibility for public assistance and care (§§ 61-64).
3. County public welfare districts (§§ 65-73).
3-A. Intergration of local public welfare administration (§§ 74--74-i).
4. City public welfare districts (§§ 77-79).
5. Records, reports, funds and appropriations (§§ 80-97).
6. Powers to enforce support (§§ 101-111).
6-A. Establishment of paternity and enforcement of support (§§ 111-a--111-v).
6-B. Services for enforcement of support provided by the department of social services (§§ 111-y--111-z).
7. Local personnel training; research and demonstration projects; special state reimbursement (§§ 112-115).
7-B. Chief executive officers of local welfare departments: appointment (§ 116).

4. Residence and removal (§§ 117-122).

5. Assistance and care (§§ 131--370-aa).

Title 1. General provisions (§§ 131--152-d).

2. State reimbursement for public assistance and care (§§ 153-154).

3. Home relief (§§ 157-165).

4. Veteran assistance (§§ 168-178).

5. Public institutional care for adults (§§ 193-202).

6. Additional state payments for eligible aged, blind and disabled persons (§§ 207-212).

7. Services for the aged, blind and disabled (§§ 250-259).

8. Emergency assistance for aged, blind and disabled persons (§§ 300-309).

9-A. Equipment loan fund for the disabled (§§ 326-a--326-b).

9-B. Public assistance employment programs (§§ 330--342-a).

10. Aid to dependent children (§§ 343-360).

11. Medical assistance for needy persons (§§ 363-369).

11-B. Health insurance continuation program for persons with AIDS. (§§ 369-k--369-n)

11-C. Medicaid drug utilization review. (§§ 369-aa--369-cc).

11-D. Basic health program. (§ 369-gg).

12. Community centers and services for senior citizens. (§§ 370--370-b).

12-A. Supports and services for youth suffering from adverse childhood experiences. (§ 370-c).

13. State Heating Fuel Crisis Assistance. (§ 370-aa).

6. Children (§§ 371-458-l).

Title 1. Care and protection of children (§§ 371-393).

1-A. Child care creation and expansion tax credit program (§§ 394--394-g).

2. Powers and duties of public welfare officials (§§ 395-404).

3. Child welfare services (§§ 406-408).

4. Preventive services for children and their families (§§ 409--409-a).

4-A. Child welfare services planning and administration (§§ 409-d--409-g)

4-B. Services; pregnant adolescents (§§ 409-i--409-n).

5. Day care for certain children (§§ 410--410-ccc).

5-A. Youth facilities improvement act (§§ 410-d--410-o).

5-B. Child care resource and referral program. (§§ 410-p--410-t).

5-C. Block grant for child care. (§§ 410-u--410-z).

6. Child protective services (§§ 411-428).

6-A. Home visiting (§ 429).

7. Day services for children and families (§§ 430-434).

8. State child care review service (§§ 440-446).

8-A. Safe harbour for exploited children act (§§ 447-a--447-b).

9. Subsidies for the adoption of children (§§ 450-458).

10. Kinship guardianship assistance program (§§ 458-a--458-f).

11. Education reform program (§ 458-l).

12. Family support services programs (§§ 458-m--458-n).

12-A. Differential response programs for children under twelve (§ 458-o).

6-A. Domestic violence prevention act (§§ 459-a--459-h).

7. Residential care programs for adults and children (§§ 460--463-b).

Title 1. General provisions (§§ 460--460-h).

2. Residential programs for adults (§§ 461--461-u).

3. Residential programs for children (§§ 462--462-b).

4. Registry of community residential facilities (§§ 463--463-b).

8. New York state rural human services networking program (§§ 464--464-f)

8-A. Nutrition outreach and public education program (§§ 465--465-d).

8-B. Transitional care (§§ 466-a--466-b).

9-A. Berkshire Industrial Farm (§§ 472-e--472-q).

Title 2. Berkshire Industrial Farm (§§ 472-e-472-q).

9-B. Adult protective services (§§ 473--473-e).

Title 1. Protective services (§ 473).

2. Short-term involuntary protective services orders (§§ 473-a--473-c).

3. Community guardianship (§§ 473-d--473-e).

10. General provisions applicable to charitable institutions (§§ 474-480).

10-A. William B. Hoyt memorial children and family trust fund act (§§ 481-a--481-f).

10-B. Statewide settlement house program (§§ 482-a--482-c).

10-C. State council on children and families (§§ 483--483-h).

10-D. Services for victims of human trafficking (§§ 483-aa--483-ff).

11. Construction; laws repealed; when to take effect (§§ 484-486).