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Subject: **FOIL -- Appointments of Members of the Children and Family Services Advisory Board & Designation of its Chair, as Required by §124 of Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997**

**TO: Governor Hochul Records Access Officer Christopher Ritchey, Esq.
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[§124 of Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997](#) is entitled “Children and family services advisory board” and states, by its ¶a:

“There is hereby created a children and family services advisory board. The board shall consist of the commissioner of children and family services, and twenty-four members who have demonstrated an active interest in children and families. Twelve members shall be appointed by the governor and twelve additional members shall be appointed by the legislature, as follows: four members by the temporary president of the senate; four members by the speaker of the assembly; two members by the minority leader of the senate and two members by the minority leader of the assembly. Members shall be appointed only if they have professional knowledge of the policies and programs affecting children and families or have an active interest in the system of services to children and families. The governor shall designate one of the appointed members of the board as chairperson. At least one-half of the members of the council shall not be providers of services. Members shall be appointed for terms of three years provided, however that of the members first appointed, one-third shall be appointed for two-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments for the remainder of any unexpired term. No person shall be an appointed member of the board for more than six years in any period of twelve consecutive years.”

Pursuant to [FOIL \[Public Officers Law VI\]](#), [Senate Rule XIV \[“Freedom of Information”\]](#), and [Assembly Rules VIII \[“Public Access to Records”\]](#), this is to request records of:

- (1) the appointments of the current 24 members, their bios (or summaries thereof), and designation of the chair; and
- (2) the appointments of the original 24 members, their bios (or summaries thereof), and designation of the chair.

Thank you.

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