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RE: FOIL Records Request of February 12, 2024, Reference # R000061-021224

Dear Elena Sassower,

The NYS Office of Children and Family Services received a FOIL request from you on February 12, 2024. You requested:

"Social Services Law §371-B establishes "at least three citizen review panels" to "evaluate the extent to which the state and the social services district(s) are discharging their child protection responsibilities". Its ¶2 states, in pertinent part:

"Each citizen review panel shall consist of thirteen members, seven of whom shall be appointed by the governor, three of whom shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate, and three of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly".

Pursuant to FOIL [Public Officers Law VI], this is to request the following, spanning from the 1999 enactment of Social Services Law §371-B to date:

- (a) records of appointments of members to the three Citizen Review Panels made by the Governor, Temporary Senate President, and Assembly Speaker;**
- (b) records of requests by members of the Citizen Review Panels to the Governor, Temporary Senate President, and Assembly Speaker to fill vacancies;**
- (c) records of requests from the Office of Children and Family Services to the Governor, Temporary Senate President, and Assembly Speaker to fill vacancies;**
- (d) records reflecting the number of candidate applications for appointment/"letters of interest" received by the Governor, Temporary Senate President, and Assembly Speaker to fill vacancies – and the applications/"letters of interest".**

Thank you."

Due to the volume of FOIL requests received by the agency, we require additional time to process your request. At this time, please be advised that OCFS is still conducting a diligent search for records responsive to your request.

Office of Children and Family Services estimates it will complete your request and provide a response in writing by September 17, 2024. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

NYS Office of Children and Family Services

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