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***Legal Aid Statement on Governor Hochul Signing Legislation to Expand Opportunities for Children in Foster Care to Find a Permanent Home***

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society today released the following statement on Governor Hochul signing into law [S7448/A7349](#), legislation which corrects an oversight that previously excluded some children from benefiting from the subsidized Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program ("KinGAP") designed to help children in foster care find permanent families faster:

“The KinGAP program has been widely successful in giving children across New York who cannot remain safely with their parents the opportunity to reside with family members. With this legislation now law, more children across the state can benefit from the safety and stability that comes with being cared for by adults that they know and trust. We thank Governor Hochul, as well as bill sponsors Senator Jabari Brisport and Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi, for enacting this important legislation.”

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