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Introduced by M. of A. WEISENBERG, KEARNS, ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT making an appropriation to the office for people with developmental disabilities for the purpose of providing additional services and expenses for community programs for people with developmental disabilities

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The sum of ninety million dollars (\$90,000,000), or so much  
2     thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the office for  
3     people with developmental disabilities out of any moneys in the state  
4     treasury in the general fund, not otherwise appropriated, and made imme-  
5     diately available, for the purposes of this act:  
6     The amount of such monies necessary shall be determined by the commis-  
7     sioner of developmental disabilities and director of the budget and  
8     shall be based on a recommendation developed by the workgroup appointed  
9     pursuant to chapter 53 of the laws of 2013. The workgroup shall develop  
10    its recommendation upon evaluating the extent to which the savings plan  
11    it developed pursuant to budget language included in chapter 53 of the  
12    laws of 2013 maintains rates of payment for Medicaid services at levels  
13    no less than those in effect on March 31, 2013 and reimbursement levels  
14    for any other OPWDD funded programs and services in effect on March 31,  
15    2013. However to the extent that any additional federal funds or other  
16    funds are made available for this purpose those funds may be used to  
17    offset the requirement to use the full ninety million dollars. To the  
18    extent that funding falls short of the amount necessary to fulfill the  
19    proposes of this act, no later than December 31, 2013 the director of  
20    the budget shall deposit sufficient funds to make up for such shortfall  
21    to the credit of the general fund. The commissioner of developmental

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 disabilities and director of the budget may also take into account  
2 greater efficiencies which do not diminish or impair services or the  
3 quality of care as reflected in the recommendations of the workgroup.

4 Ninety million dollars (\$90,000,000) or such amount as determined  
5 pursuant to this act shall be made available to the office for people  
6 with developmental disabilities immediately for the purpose of providing  
7 additional services and expenses for community programs for people with  
8 developmental disabilities pursuant to article 41 of the mental hygiene  
9 law, and/or chapter 620 of the laws of 1974, chapter 660 of the laws of  
10 1977, chapter 412 of the laws of 1981, chapter 27 of the laws of 1987,  
11 chapter 729 of the laws of 1989, chapter 329 of the laws of 1993 and any  
12 other provisions of the mental hygiene law.

13 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the appropriation  
14 shall be net of refunds, rebates, reimbursements, and credits.

15 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the director of the  
16 budget is authorized to make sub-allocations from this appropriation up  
17 to \$90,000,000 to the department of health medical assistance program  
18 for the state share of additional medical assistance services expenses  
19 incurred by the department of health for the provision of medical  
20 assistance to people with developmental disabilities.

21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, advances and reimbursement  
22 made pursuant to subdivision (d) of section 41.15 and section 41.18 of  
23 the mental hygiene law shall be allocated pursuant to a plan and in a  
24 manner prescribed by the commissioner of developmental disabilities and  
25 approved by the director of the budget. No expenditure shall be made  
26 from this appropriation until a certificate of allocation has been  
27 approved by the director of the budget and copies thereof filed with the  
28 state comptroller, and the chairs of the senate finance and assembly  
29 ways and means committees. The moneys hereby appropriated are available  
30 to reimburse or advance localities and voluntary non-profit agencies for  
31 expenditures made during local fiscal periods commencing January 1,  
32 2013, April 1, 2013 or July 1, 2013, and for advances for the 3 month  
33 period beginning January 1, 2014.

34 Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comp-  
35 troller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of devel-  
36 opmental disabilities in the manner prescribed by law.

37 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.