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Introduced by Sens. MAZIARZ, FELDER, RANZENHOFER, RITCHIE, SAVINO, SEWARD, YOUNG -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation -- recommitted to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to authorizing volunteer fire and ambulance companies to receive grants for local government records management improvement

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

1     Section 1. The legislature hereby finds and declares that volunteer  
2 fire companies and volunteer ambulance companies perform vital services  
3 for the municipalities they serve. These not-for-profit volunteer emer-  
4 gency response organizations serve a meaningful public purpose by help-  
5 ing to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens. Further,  
6 these organizations work collaboratively with municipal officials in  
7 their respective localities and help to reduce the burdens on our local  
8 governments.  
9     The records of volunteer fire companies and volunteer ambulance compa-  
10 nies are important since they indicate the relationship, rights and  
11 responsibilities with respect to the communities they serve. And, proper  
12 records management assists municipalities and emergency response organ-  
13 izations with their legal obligations under the general municipal law.  
14 In addition, these records make appropriate information available to the  
15 public and to municipal officials with respect to fire and emergency  
16 services, and also reflect the historical development of the communities  
17 served by such volunteer fire and ambulance companies. For these  
18 reasons, the legislature hereby further finds and declares that not-for-  
19 profit volunteer fire companies and volunteer ambulance companies should

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

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1 be eligible for the records management improvement grant program in  
2 order to help them operate more effectively and efficiently in our local  
3 communities.

4 S 2. Subdivisions 1 and 3 of section 57.17 of the arts and cultural  
5 affairs law, as added by chapter 737 of the laws of 1987, are amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 1. "Local government" means any county, city, town, village, school  
8 district, board of cooperative educational services, district corpo-  
9 ration, public benefit corporation, public corporation, FIRE COMPANY AS  
10 DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, VOLUNTARY  
11 AMBULANCE SERVICE AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED OF THE GENERAL  
12 MUNICIPAL LAW, or other government created under state law that is not a  
13 state department, division, board, bureau, commission or other agency,  
14 heretofore or hereafter established by law.

15 3. "Local officer" shall mean and include a local officer as defined  
16 in section two of the public officers law and any officer of a public  
17 benefit corporation, FIRE COMPANY AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED OF  
18 THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, VOLUNTARY AMBULANCE SERVICE AS DEFINED IN  
19 SECTION ONE HUNDRED OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW.

20 S 3. The commissioner of education is hereby authorized and directed  
21 to promulgate any rules or regulations necessary to effectuate the  
22 provisions of this act.

23 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.