

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

August 25, 2021

Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance -- recommitted to the Committee on Finance 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 chapter 53 of the laws of 2021, enacting the aid to localities budget, in relation to supporting refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "securing and assisting vulnerable evacuees (SAVE) act".

§ 2. Recent turmoil in Afghanistan and Ukraine has caused a significant flight of people from both nations, requiring other countries throughout the world to assist in the resettlement of individuals and families who have been displaced through no fault of their own. This bill is intended to allocate adequate funding to support a potential significant increase in the number of refugees that New York state will be taking in as a result of these ongoing situations.

§ 3. Section 1 of chapter 53 of the laws of 2021, enacting the aid to localities budget, is amended by repealing the items herein below set forth in brackets and by adding to such section the other items underscored in this section:

SPECIALIZED SERVICES PROGRAM .....	[ <del>2,785,196,000</del> ]	<u>2,861,796,000</u>
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General Fund

Local Assistance Account - 10000

Special Revenue Funds - Federal

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

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1 Federal Health and Human Services Fund  
2 Refugee Resettlement Account - 25160

3 For services related to refugee programs  
4 including but not limited to the Cuban-  
5 Haitian and refugee resettlement program  
6 and the Cuban-Haitian and refugee targeted  
7 assistance program provided pursuant to  
8 the federal refugee assistance act of 1980  
9 as amended.

10 Funds appropriated herein shall be available  
11 for aid to municipalities and for payments  
12 to the federal government for expenditures  
13 made pursuant to the social services law  
14 and the state plan for individual and  
15 family grant program under the disaster  
16 relief act of 1974.

17 Such funds are to be available for payment  
18 of aid heretofore accrued or hereafter to  
19 accrue to municipalities. Subject to the  
20 approval of the director of the budget,  
21 such funds shall be available to the  
22 office of temporary and disability assist-  
23 ance net of disallowances, refunds,  
24 reimbursements, and credits.

25 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
26 of law, funds appropriated herein, subject  
27 to the approval of the director of the  
28 budget and in accordance with a memorandum  
29 of understanding between the office of  
30 temporary and disability assistance and  
31 any other state agency, may be transferred  
32 or suballocated to any other state agency  
33 for expenses related to refugee programs.

34 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
35 of law, and subject to the approval of the  
36 director of the budget, the amount appro-  
37 priated herein may be increased or  
38 decreased through transfer or interchange  
39 with any other federal appropriation with-  
40 in the office of temporary and disability  
41 assistance (52304) ..... 26,000,000

42 For services and expenses of supporting  
43 Afghan and Ukrainian refugees. For the  
44 purposes of this appropriation, supporting  
45 Afghan and Ukrainian refugees shall mean  
46 providing assistance for the resettlement  
47 of Afghan and Ukrainian refugees who are  
48 part of any program established by the  
49 federal government for refugees from  
50 Afghanistan in light of the Taliban take-  
51 over of the country in 2021 and the  
52 Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022.  
53 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
54 of law, this appropriation shall be used  
55 for grants in aid or expenses of contracts

with not-for-profit agencies to be deter-  
mined pursuant to a plan to be developed  
by the office of temporary and disability  
assistance and the office for new Ameri-  
cans in the department of state, in  
consultation with the director of the  
budget. The funds appropriated herein may  
be transferred or suballocated to any aid  
to localities, state operations, or capi-  
tal appropriation of any state department,  
agency, or authority to accomplish the  
intent or purposes stated herein ..... 50,000,000

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Program account subtotal .... [~~26,000,000~~] 76,000,000  
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§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2021.