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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. RA, BARCLAY, ANGELINO, DeSTEFANO, JENSEN, SLATER, BENDETT, GRAY, E. BROWN, NOVAKHOV, GANDOLFO, MORINELLO, LEMONDES, TAGUE, HAWLEY, GALLAHAN, DURSO, BRABENEC, MIKULIN, McDONOUGH, TANNOUSIS, PALMESANO, BROOK-KRASNY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to the distribution of appropriations for humanitarian aid including short term shelter services to migrant individuals and families

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

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds that the
2 state of New York has a migrant crisis and that as the state distributes
3 state or federal funding for the relief of this migrant crisis, such
4 spending must be done in a transparent manner with the legislature and
5 oversight from the comptroller.

6 § 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule and regulation
7 to the contrary, any state or federal funds used for humanitarian aid
8 including short term shelter services to migrant individuals and fami-
9 lies, including costs associated with humanitarian emergency response
10 and relief centers for individuals entering short term shelter on or
11 after April 1, 2024 in New York city or any other municipality in New
12 York state shall have the governor report to the temporary president of
13 the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the
14 senate, the minority leader of the assembly, the chair of the senate
15 finance committee and the chair of the assembly ways and means committee
16 every thirty days an accounting of all money distributed in relation to
17 any appropriation.

18 § 3. Section 8 of the state finance law is amended by adding a new
19 subdivision 21 to read as follows:

20 21. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, examine and
21 audit all state or federal funds appropriated or received for the huma-

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

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1 humanitarian aid including short term shelter services to migrant individ-
2 uals and families, including costs associated with humanitarian emergen-
3 cy response and relief centers for individuals entering short term
4 shelter on or after April first, two thousand twenty-four in New York
5 city or any other municipality in New York state. Upon thorough examina-
6 tion, audit, and identification of distributions to New York city or any
7 other municipality in New York state, make a report to the legislature
8 containing said findings every thirty days an accounting of all money
9 distributed in relation to this appropriation.

10 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to
11 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2024.