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Introduced by M. of A. CLARK, ESPAILLAT -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BRENNAN, COLTON, GREENE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to data collection on certain homeless persons

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

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 43-a to read as follows:

S 43-A. DATA COLLECTION ON CERTAIN HOMELESS PERSONS. 1. A HOMELESS PERSON WHO IS SERVED BY A HOMELESS PROJECT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION FORTY-TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL BE IDENTIFIED BY HIS OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR, IN THE CASE OF A HOMELESS STUDENT WHO DOES NOT HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, BY HIS OR HER STUDENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER. SUCH IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SHALL BE USED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING ANONYMOUS DATA, INCLUDING THE REASONS SUCH PERSON BECOMES HOMELESS AND FIRST ENTERS A HOMELESS FACILITY; THE VARIOUS FACILITIES SUCH PERSON RESIDES IN DURING THE COURSE OF HIS OR HER PERIOD OF HOMELESSNESS; AND THE LENGTH OF TIME FROM ORIGINALLY BECOMING HOMELESS UNTIL SECURING PERMANENT HOUSING, AT WHICH TIME SUCH NUMBER SHALL BE DESTROYED.

2. THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION AND SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE DATA GATHERED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND ANY CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS DRAWN THEREFROM.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the office of temporary and disability assistance shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act prior to such date.

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

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