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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. CASTRO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to immigrant services; and making an appropriation therefor

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (i) of section 17 of the social services law,  
2 as relettered by section 1 of part K-3 of chapter 57 of the laws of  
3 2007, is relettered subdivision (j) and a new subdivision (i) is added  
4 to read as follows:

5 (I) ESTABLISH AN IMMIGRANT OPPORTUNITIES INITIATIVE TO BE ADMINISTERED  
6 BY THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE'S BUREAU OF REFUGEE  
7 AND IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO SUPPORT QUALIFIED  
8 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE: (I) ADULT ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
9 AND CIVICS INSTRUCTION CLASSES; (II) CITIZENSHIP SERVICES; (III) IMMI-  
10 GRATION LEGAL SERVICES; AND/OR (IV) IMMIGRANT-WORKER LEGAL SERVICES FOR  
11 ALL IMMIGRANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF IMMIGRATION STATUS.

12 S 2. The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000), or so much thereof  
13 as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the office of temporary  
14 and disability assistance out of any moneys in the state treasury in the  
15 general fund to the credit of the local assistance account, not other-  
16 wise appropriated, and made immediately available for the purpose of  
17 carrying out the provisions of subdivision (i) of section 17 of the  
18 social services law, as added by section one of this act. Such moneys  
19 shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers  
20 certified or approved by the commissioner of the office of temporary and  
21 disability assistance in the manner prescribed by law.

22 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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