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Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to enacting the
access for new Americans act

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 "the access for new Americans act".
3 S 2. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 140 to
4 read as follows:
5 S 140. ACCESS FOR NEW AMERICANS PRE-CITIZENSHIP SERVICES. 1. THE
6 OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE SHALL IMPLEMENT AN ACCESS
7 FOR NEW AMERICANS PROGRAM. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE PRE-CITIZENSHIP
8 SERVICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CIVIC AND ENGLISH CLASSES,
9 ASSISTANCE WITH IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS AND RELATED LEGAL SERVICES,
10 LANGUAGE TRANSLATION SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT REFERRALS, AND OTHER RELATED
11 SERVICES NECESSARY TO ASSIST IMMIGRANTS.
12 2. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND
13 DISABILITY ASSISTANCE AND FUNDS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL AND
14 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH GRANTS DISTRIBUTED BY THE OFFICE
15 OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE AS APPROPRIATED TO SUCH OFFICE
16 FOR SUCH PROGRAM AND ITS PURPOSES.
17 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
18 it shall have become a law, provided however, that effective immediate-
19 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
20 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
21 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such
22 effective date.

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

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