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AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to reimbursement of certain costs associated with shared municipal services

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

Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 54-m to read as follows:

S 54-M. STATE AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES. 1. BEGINNING APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, A MUNICIPALITY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL RECEIVE MONEYS APPROPRIATED BY THE STATE IN SUPPORT OF ACTIVITIES RELATED TO QUALIFIED SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES AS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "MUNICIPALITIES" SHALL MEAN COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS, VILLAGES, SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS, FIRE DISTRICTS, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT FOR PURPOSES OF THIS DEFINITION, A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE CONSIDERED A MUNICIPALITY ONLY IN INSTANCES WHERE SUCH SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVANCES AN APPLICATION FOR AID TO COVER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS OR SHARED SERVICES.

3. SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES SHALL QUALIFY FOR AID UNDER THIS SECTION IF SUCH SERVICES ARE OTHERWISE QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPHS M AND N OF SUBDIVISION TEN OF SECTION FIFTY-FOUR OF THIS ARTICLE. QUALIFYING SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, PUBLIC SAFETY, PURCHASING, PAYROLL, HEALTH PLAN BENEFITS, HIGHWAY SERVICES AND REAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT. AID SHALL NOT BE USED BY THE APPLICANT FOR RECURRING EXPENSES SUCH AS SALARIES.

4. AID UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL REIMBURSE MUNICIPALITIES FOR FIFTY PERCENT OF COSTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LEGAL AND CONSULTANT

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

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SERVICES, FEASIBILITY STUDIES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.