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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to creation of the welfare inter-state fraud detection program 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. The social services law is amended by adding a new section
2 18 to read as follows:
3 S 18. WELFARE INTER-STATE FRAUD DETECTION PROGRAM. 1. THE COMMISSIONER
4 OF THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE IS AUTHORIZED AND
5 DIRECTED TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE STATES OF NEW JERSEY,
6 CONNECTICUT, PENNSYLVANIA, MASSACHUSETTS AND VERMONT FOR THE PURPOSES OF
7 CREATING AN INTER-STATE WELFARE DATA BASE TO BE UTILIZED FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS IN MORE
8 THAN ONE STATE.
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10 2. SUCH COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO COOPERATE WITH AGENCIES OF
11 THE STATES OF NEW JERSEY, CONNECTICUT, PENNSYLVANIA, MASSACHUSETTS AND
12 VERMONT TO OBTAIN AND FURNISH ANY ASSISTANCE OF INFORMATION NECESSARY
13 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH DATA BASE FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS ENGAGING IN THE FRAUDULENT RECEIPT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.
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16 3. SUCH COMMISSIONER SHALL PRESENT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY
17 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY AN ANNUAL
18 REPORT ANALYZING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE WELFARE INTER-STATE FRAUD
19 DETECTION PROGRAM. SUCH ANNUAL REPORT SHALL BE PRESENTED NO LATER THAN
20 FEBRUARY FIRST IN EACH YEAR COMMENCING WITH THE SECOND FEBRUARY NEXT
21 SUCCEEDING THE DATE ON WHICH THIS SECTION SHALL HAVE BECOME A LAW.
22 S 2. The sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), or so
23 much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any
24 moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the

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

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1 state purposes account, and not otherwise appropriated to the department
2 of family assistance for the purposes of implementing the provisions of
3 section 18 of the social services law as added by section one of this
4 act. Such sum shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the state
5 comptroller in the manner provided by law.
6 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.