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Introduced by M. of A. DelMONTE, SCHIMMINGER, ROBINSON, GABRYSZAK,  
GUNTHER, BALL -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. EDDINGTON, HOOPER,  
KOON, MAGNARELLI, McENENY, PHEFFER, SWEENEY, WEISENBERG -- read once  
and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to  
authorizing volunteer fire and ambulance companies to receive grants  
for local government records management improvement

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

1     Section 1. The legislature finds that volunteer fire and ambulance  
2     companies perform a vital function for the municipalities which they  
3     serve, one that is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of all  
4     persons within such municipalities. Such functions are therefore a  
5     public purpose. Thus, the public records of volunteer fire and ambulance  
6     companies are a matter of great importance and concern to the state and  
7     are necessary to the administration of the municipalities which they  
8     serve. These public records document the legal responsibilities of the  
9     volunteer fire and ambulance companies and the reciprocal rights and  
10    liabilities of the municipalities which they serve. These essential  
11    public records provide citizens and other public officials with a means  
12    of monitoring the entitlements and obligation of municipalities and the  
13    expenditure of public funds. In addition, such records also reflect the  
14    historical development of the communities served by such volunteer fire  
15    and ambulance companies.  
16    Such records are necessary to municipalities in connection with  
17    service award programs for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambu-  
18    lance workers pursuant to articles 11-A, 11-AA, 11-AAA, and 11-AAAA,  
19    respectively, of the general municipal law. These records are equally  
20    necessary in connection with municipalities' obligations pertaining to  
21    volunteer firefighters under article 10 of the general municipal law.

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

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1 S 2. Subdivisions 1 and 3 of section 57.17 of the arts and cultural  
2 affairs law, as added by chapter 737 of the laws of 1987, are amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 1. "Local government" means any county, city, town, village, school  
5 district, board of cooperative educational services, district corpo-  
6 ration, public benefit corporation, public corporation, FIRE COMPANY AS  
7 DEFINED IN SECTION THREE OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' BENEFIT LAW,  
8 AMBULANCE COMPANY AS DEFINED IN SECTION THREE OF THE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE  
9 WORKERS' BENEFIT LAW, or other government created under state law that  
10 is not a state department, division, board, bureau, commission or other  
11 agency, heretofore or hereafter established by law.

12 3. "Local officer" shall mean and include a local officer as defined  
13 in section two of the public officers law and any officer of a public  
14 benefit corporation, FIRE COMPANY AS DEFINED IN SECTION THREE OF THE  
15 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' BENEFIT LAW, OR AMBULANCE COMPANY AS DEFINED IN  
16 SECTION THREE OF THE VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS' BENEFIT LAW.

17 S 3. The commissioner of education is hereby authorized and directed  
18 to promulgate any rules or regulations necessary to effectuate the  
19 provisions of this act.

20 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.