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Introduced by M. of A. CASTRO, ESPAILLAT, BARRON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BRENNAN, CLARK, GOTTFRIED, MENG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

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

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

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

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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