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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the creation by each social services district of a homeless housing task force

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 50-a to read as follows:
3 S 50-A. HOMELESS HOUSING TASK FORCE. 1. EACH SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT
4 IN THE STATE SHALL CREATE A HOMELESS HOUSING TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A
5 TEN-YEAR HOMELESS HOUSING PLAN ADDRESSING SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM HOUS-
6 ING FOR HOMELESS PERSONS. SUCH PLAN SHALL INCLUDE GUIDELINES FOR EMER-
7 GENCY SHELTERS; SHORT-TERM HOUSING; TEMPORARY ENCAMPMENTS; SUPPORTIVE
8 HOUSING FOR CHRONICALLY HOMELESS PERSONS; LONG-TERM HOUSING; STANDARDS
9 FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY; AND PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING LOCATION OF FACILI-
10 TIES.
11 2. MEMBERSHIP ON THE TASK FORCE SHALL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS, HOUSING AUTHORITIES, CIVIL AND FAITH ORGANIZA-
13 TIONS, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY NETWORKS, HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS, LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROVIDERS, MENTAL
15 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, BUSINESSES,
16 AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY, AND A HOMELESS OR FORMERLY
17 HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL.
18 3. ANY PLAN AND GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY A SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT
19 HOMELESS HOUSING TASK FORCE SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH REGULATIONS APPLI-
20 CABLE TO PROJECTS PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO TITLE ONE OF THIS ARTICLE.
21 4. EACH DISTRICT HOMELESS HOUSING TASK FORCE SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDA-
22 TIONS BASED ON THE PLAN AND GUIDELINES REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS
23 RECEIVED FROM ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCE.

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

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1 S 2. Subdivision 2 of section 50 of the social services law is amended
2 by adding a new paragraph (e) to read as follows:

3 (E) A COPY OF THE TEN-YEAR PLAN AND GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY A SOCIAL
4 SERVICES DISTRICT HOMELESS TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION
5 FIFTY-A OF THIS TITLE.

6 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
7 it shall have become a law; provided however, that effective immediate-
8 ly, the commissioner of temporary and disability assistance is author-
9 ized and directed to add, amend and/or repeal any rule or regulation
10 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date.