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IN ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to distribution of federal bonus awards relative to food stamp programs to local social services districts

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

- Section 1. Section 95 of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:
- 3 12. (A) ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS OF LAW NOTWITHSTANDING, IN THE 4 EVENT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS A BONUS BECAUSE OF SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS' PERFORMANCE RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF FOOD STAMP BENEFITS, 6 THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE 7 BONUS AS FOLLOWS:
 - (I) THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE MAY RETAIN OR PLACE LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF FIVE PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE BONUS. THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE MAY RETAIN, OR PLACE LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF AN ADDITIONAL PORTION OF THE ENTIRE BONUS, PROVIDED THAT THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE SHALL DETERMINE THE USE OF THIS ADDITIONAL RETAINED OR LIMITED PORTION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS.
- (II) ANY PORTION OF THE BONUS THAT IS NOT RETAINED OR LIMITED IN USE BY THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS IN PROPORTION TO THEIR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS ACQUIRING THE BONUS AS DETERMINED BY THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE.
- (B) FUNDS DISTRIBUTED PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION MAY BE EXPENDED BY THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT FOR ANY FOOD AND NUTRITION PURPOSE CONSISTENT WITH ITS AUTHORI- TY UNDER LAW.
 - S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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