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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to enacting the access for new Americans act

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as "the access for new Americans act".

S 2. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 140 to read as follows:

S 140. ACCESS FOR NEW AMERICANS PRE-CITIZENSHIP SERVICES. 1. THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE SHALL IMPLEMENT AN ACCESS FOR NEW AMERICANS PROGRAM. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE PRE-CITIZENSHIP SERVICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CIVIC AND ENGLISH CLASSES, ASSISTANCE WITH IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS AND RELATED LEGAL SERVICES, LANGUAGE TRANSLATION SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT REFERRALS, AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES NECESSARY TO ASSIST IMMIGRANTS.

2. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE AND FUNDS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH GRANTS DISTRIBUTED BY THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE AS APPROPRIATED TO SUCH OFFICE FOR SUCH PROGRAM AND ITS PURPOSES.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law, provided however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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