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AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to legislative additions to the governor's proposed budget bills

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

Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 53-e to read as follows:

S 53-E. LEGISLATIVE ADDITIONS TO THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET BILLS. 1. IF THERE IS ANY ADDITION TO A GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET BILL PROPOSED OR SPONSORED FOR INCLUSION IN SUCH BILL BY ANY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE SENATE OR ASSEMBLY FOR PURPOSES OF FUNDING PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS WITHIN SUCH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER'S DISTRICT, THEN EACH INDIVIDUAL SENATOR SHALL BE ENTITLED TO AN EQUAL APPROPRIATION AS ANY OTHER SENATOR AND EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO AN EQUAL APPROPRIATION AS ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY.

2. THE SENATE FINANCE AND THE ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEES SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AS DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION: THE FORMAL NAME OF THE PROGRAM; ITS SPONSORING GROUP; ITS FULL ADDRESS; ITS LEGISLATIVE SPONSOR OR SPONSORS; AND A DESCRIPTION OF AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROGRAM.

3. THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE SHALL ESTABLISH FURTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AS DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

4. ANY PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AS DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION MUST BE INCLUDED IN A BUDGET BILL AS A LINE-ITEM.

5. ANY MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE WHO SPONSORS ANY PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AS DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION MUST DISCLOSE WHETHER OR NOT THEY, OR ANY SPOUSE OR RELATIVE DEFINED IN

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

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SECTION SEVENTY-THREE-A OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW, IS AN EMPLOYEE OR CONDUCTS BUSINESS WITH THE SPONSORING GROUP OR PROGRAM FOR WHICH THIS APPROPRIATION IS INTENDED.

6. ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED WHAT IS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE SIX OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.