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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.

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

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1 4. EACH DISTRICT HOMELESS HOUSING TASK FORCE SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDA-  
2 TIONS BASED ON THE PLAN AND GUIDELINES REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS  
3 RECEIVED FROM ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCE.

4 S 2. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision 2 of section 50 of the  
5 social services law as amended by chapter 204 of the laws of 1998, are  
6 amended and a new paragraph (e) is added to read as follows:

7 (c) a description of the manner in which coordination with other  
8 federal, state, local and privately funded services will be achieved;  
9 [and]

10 (d) a description of how the services will be designed to assist  
11 households transition from a reliance on outside interventions and move  
12 toward housing stability and economic self reliance[.]; AND

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

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