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Introduced by M. of A. ZEBROWSKI -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. LUPI-  
NACCI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks,  
Arts and Sports Development -- committee discharged, bill amended,  
ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to  
authorizing volunteer fire and ambulance companies to receive grants  
for local government records management improvement

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

1     Section 1. The legislature hereby finds and declares that volunteer  
2 fire companies and volunteer ambulance companies perform vital services  
3 for the municipalities they serve. These not-for-profit volunteer emer-  
4 gency response organizations serve a meaningful public purpose by help-  
5 ing to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens. Further,  
6 these organizations work collaboratively with municipal officials in  
7 their respective localities and help to reduce the burdens on our local  
8 governments.  
9     The records of volunteer fire companies and volunteer ambulance compa-  
10 nies are important since they indicate the relationship, rights and  
11 responsibilities with respect to the communities they serve. And, proper  
12 records management assists municipalities and emergency response organ-  
13 izations with their legal obligations under the general municipal law.  
14 In addition, these records make appropriate information available to the  
15 public and to municipal officials with respect to fire and emergency  
16 services, and also reflect the historical development of the communities  
17 served by such volunteer fire and ambulance companies. For these  
18 reasons, the legislature hereby further finds and declares that not-for-  
19 profit volunteer fire companies and volunteer ambulance companies should  
20 be eligible for the records management improvement grant program in  
21 order to help them operate more effectively and efficiently in our local  
22 communities.  
23     S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 57.35 of the arts and cultural affairs  
24 law, as amended by chapter 203 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read  
25 as follows:

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

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1     1. The commissioner of education, upon consultation with the local  
2 government records advisory council, is authorized to award grants for  
3 records management improvement as specified in sections 57.19, 57.25,  
4 57.29 and 57.31 of this [chapter] ARTICLE to individual local govern-  
5 ments, groups of cooperating local governments and local governments  
6 that have custody of court records and for records management improve-  
7 ment for supreme court records in the custody of the counties of New  
8 York, Kings, Queens, Richmond, and Bronx and in accordance with subdivi-  
9 sion two-a of this section, records under the jurisdiction of the  
10 department of records and information services of the city of New York  
11 or its successor agency and the city clerk of the city of New York, AND  
12 TO FIRE COMPANIES AND VOLUNTARY AMBULANCE SERVICES AS SUCH TERMS ARE  
13 DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW.  
14     S 3. The commissioner of education is hereby authorized and directed  
15 to promulgate any rules or regulations necessary to effectuate the  
16 provisions of this act.  
17     S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.