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Introduced by Sen. FARLEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to twenty-first century demonstration project grants

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

Section 1. Subparagraph (v) of paragraph o of subdivision 10 of section 54 of the state finance law, as added by section 7 of part O of chapter 56 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

(v) Twenty-first century demonstration project grants. (1) Within the amounts appropriated therefor, subject to a plan developed in consultation with the commission on local government efficiency and competitiveness and approved by the director of the budget, the secretary of state may award competitive grants to municipalities to cover costs associated with a functional consolidation or a shared services agreement having great potential to achieve financial savings and serve as a model for other municipalities, including the consolidation of services on a multi-county basis, the consolidation of certain services countywide as identified in such plan, the creation of a regional entity empowered to provide multiple functions on a countywide or regional basis, the creation of a regional or city-county consolidated municipal government, THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL SHARED SERVICES PROGRAM, the consolidation of school districts or supporting services for school districts encompassing the area served by a board of cooperative educational services, or the creation of a regional smart growth compact or program.

(2) Twenty-first century demonstration project grants may be used to cover costs including, but not limited to, legal and consultant services, capital improvements, transitional personnel costs essential for the implementation of the approved twenty-first century demonstration project grant work plan, and other necessary expenses. Grants may be used for capital improvements, transitional personnel costs or

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

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joint equipment purchases only where such expenses are integral to the coordinated or consolidated service delivery.

(3) The maximum twenty-first century demonstration project grant awarded shall not exceed [four] SEVEN hundred thousand dollars per municipality. Award amounts may vary by grant category as identified in the request for applications.

(4) Local matching funds equal to ten percent of the total cost of activities under the grant work plan approved by the department of state shall be required.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.