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Introduced by M. of A. CLARK -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BRENNAN,
  COOK, PERRY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social
  Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to data collection
  on certain homeless persons

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

 1   Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section
 2 43-a to read as follows:
 3   S 43-A. DATA COLLECTION ON CERTAIN HOMELESS PERSONS. 1. A HOMELESS
 4 PERSON WHO IS SERVED BY A HOMELESS PROJECT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
 5 FORTY-TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL BE IDENTIFIED BY HIS OR HER SOCIAL
 6 SECURITY NUMBER OR, IN THE CASE OF A HOMELESS STUDENT WHO DOES NOT HAVE
 7 A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, BY HIS OR HER STUDENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER.
 8 SUCH IDENTIFICATION NUMBER SHALL BE USED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF
 9 COLLECTING ANONYMOUS DATA, INCLUDING THE REASONS SUCH PERSON BECOMES
10 HOMELESS AND FIRST ENTERS A HOMELESS FACILITY; THE VARIOUS FACILITIES
11 SUCH PERSON RESIDES IN DURING THE COURSE OF HIS OR HER PERIOD OF HOME-
12 LESSNESS; AND THE LENGTH OF TIME FROM ORIGINALLY BECOMING HOMELESS UNTIL
13 SECURING   PERMANENT HOUSING, AT WHICH TIME SUCH NUMBER SHALL BE
14 DESTROYED.
15   2. THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSIST-
16 ANCE SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE
17 PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION AND SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY
18 TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE DATA GATHERED PURSUANT
19 TO THIS SECTION AND ANY CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS DRAWN THEREFROM.
20   S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
21 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the office of tempo-
22 rary and disability assistance shall promulgate rules and regulations
23 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act prior to such date.

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