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Introduced by M. of A. GIGLIO, HAWLEY, KOLB, FINCH -- Multi-Sponsored by  
-- M. of A. BARCLAY, CROUCH, McDONOUGH, RAIA -- read once and referred  
to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the prohibition  
on unfunded mandates in medical assistance; and providing for the  
repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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     368-g to read as follows:  
3     S 368-G. PROHIBITION ON UNFUNDED MANDATES. 1. ANY PROVISION OF LAW  
4     THAT IS CONTAINED IN OR ENACTED PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE AND DETERMINED IN  
5     ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION TO BE AN UNFUNDED MANDATE SHALL CEASE TO BE  
6     MANDATORY IN EFFECT AND SHALL BECOME VOLUNTARY IN OPERATION.  
7     2. A PROVISION OF LAW THAT IS CONTAINED IN OR ENACTED PURSUANT TO THIS  
8     TITLE WHICH REQUIRES ONE OR MORE COUNTY OR CITY SOCIAL SERVICES  
9     DISTRICTS TO EXPEND FUNDS OR TO TAKE ACTIONS REQUIRING THE EXPENDITURE  
10    OF FUNDS SHALL BE DEEMED AN UNFUNDED MANDATE IF SUCH PROVISION OF LAW  
11    RESULTS IN AN AGGREGATE NET INCREASE IN NECESSARY DIRECT EXPENDITURES BY  
12    THE SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS OF THE STATE. ANY SUCH AGGREGATE NET  
13    INCREASE IN EXPENDITURES SHALL BE OFFSET BY: (A) MONIES PROVIDED TO THE  
14    SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF FUNDING SUCH  
15    PROVISION OF LAW; AND (B) DECREASES IN EXPENDITURES EXPECTED TO RESULT  
16    FROM OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW ENACTED CONCURRENTLY THEREWITH THAT REPEAL,  
17    REDUCE OR MODIFY EXISTING MANDATES ON SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS.  
18    3. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "LAW" SHALL MEAN A STATUTE  
19    ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE, OR EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR,  
20    OR A RULE OR REGULATION PROMULGATED BY A STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT,  
21    BOARD, BUREAU, OFFICER, AUTHORITY OR COMMISSION.  
22    4. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, THE  
23    FOLLOWING TYPES OF LAWS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNFUNDED MANDATES:

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

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1 (A) THOSE NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW;

2 (B) THOSE FOR WHICH THE AGGREGATE NET INCREASE IN REQUIRED DIRECT  
3 EXPENDITURES BY A SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT IS LESS THAN TWENTY THOUSAND  
4 DOLLARS;

5 (C) THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN REQUESTED THROUGH A HOME RULE MESSAGE OR  
6 OTHER RESOLUTION OF THE AFFECTED SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT, OR WHICH HAVE  
7 BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE AFFECTED SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT;

8 (D) THOSE REAPPORTIONING RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN OR AMONG SOCIAL  
9 SERVICES DISTRICTS;

10 (E) THOSE ARISING FROM AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR EXERCISING  
11 HIS OR HER EMERGENCY POWERS;

12 (F) THOSE APPLICABLE TO BOTH GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT ENTITIES IN  
13 THE SAME OR A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR MANNER; AND

14 (G) THOSE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
15 SECTION, INCLUDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW THAT EXTENDS OR REAUTHORIZES  
16 SUCH A LAW.

17 S 2. This act shall take effect April 1, 2016 and shall expire and be  
18 deemed repealed March 31, 2018.