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Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- 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 the budget

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

Section 1. Section 22 of the state finance law is amended by adding a new subdivision 17 to read as follows:

17. CITIZENS' GUIDE TO THE STATE BUDGET. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING IN TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET'S OFFICE, WITH INPUT FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE ON THE LANGUAGE, FORM AND PRESENTATION USED, SHALL PRODUCE AN ANNUAL CITIZENS' GUIDE TO THE STATE BUDGET REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES. THE CITIZENS' GUIDE SHALL BE IN A FORM AND SUBSTANCE THAT IS EASILY READABLE AND UNDERSTANDABLE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE CITIZENS' GUIDE SHALL INCLUDE DATA ON EACH DEPARTMENT'S PURPOSE AND POPULATIONS SERVED; AND WHERE AVAILABLE, MAY INCLUDE PERFORMANCE MEASURES OVER TIME, DEPICTED IN A GRAPHIC FORMAT. THE CITIZENS' GUIDE SHALL BE PRODUCED AND RELEASED ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE NO LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE ANNUAL DIVISION OF BUDGET'S "ENACTED BUDGET REPORT". THE CITIZEN'S GUIDE NEED ONLY BE PREPARED IN AN ONLINE OR ELECTRONIC FORMAT, AND NEITHER THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET'S OFFICE OR THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE OR DISTRIBUTE A PAPER OR HARD COPY OF THE GUIDE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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