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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:

1 Section 1. Section 22 of the state finance law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 17 to read as follows:
3 17. CITIZENS' GUIDE TO THE STATE BUDGET. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
4 IN TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET'S OFFICE, WITH
5 INPUT FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE ON THE LANGUAGE, FORM AND
6 PRESENTATION USED, SHALL PRODUCE AN ANNUAL CITIZENS' GUIDE TO THE STATE
7 BUDGET REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES. THE CITIZENS' GUIDE SHALL BE IN A FORM
8 AND SUBSTANCE THAT IS EASILY READABLE AND UNDERSTANDABLE BY THE GENERAL
9 PUBLIC. THE CITIZENS' GUIDE SHALL INCLUDE DATA ON EACH DEPARTMENT'S
10 PURPOSE AND POPULATIONS SERVED; AND WHERE AVAILABLE, MAY INCLUDE
11 PERFORMANCE MEASURES OVER TIME, DEPICTED IN A GRAPHIC FORMAT. THE CITI-
12 ZENS' GUIDE SHALL BE PRODUCED AND RELEASED ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
13 WEBSITE NO LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE ANNUAL
14 DIVISION OF BUDGET'S "ENACTED BUDGET REPORT". THE CITIZEN'S GUIDE NEED
15 ONLY BE PREPARED IN AN ONLINE OR ELECTRONIC FORMAT, AND NEITHER THE
16 DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET'S OFFICE OR THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE SHALL
17 BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE OR DISTRIBUTE A PAPER OR HARD COPY OF THE GUIDE.
18 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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