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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the creation by each social services district of a homeless housing task force

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

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 50-a to read as follows:

S 50-A. HOMELESS HOUSING TASK FORCE. 1. EACH SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT IN THE STATE SHALL CREATE A HOMELESS HOUSING TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A TEN-YEAR HOMELESS HOUSING PLAN ADDRESSING SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM HOUSING FOR HOMELESS PERSONS. SUCH PLAN SHALL INCLUDE GUIDELINES FOR EMERGENCY SHELTERS; SHORT-TERM HOUSING; TEMPORARY ENCAMPMENTS; SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR CHRONICALLY HOMELESS PERSONS; LONG-TERM HOUSING; STANDARDS FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY; AND PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING LOCATION OF FACILITIES.

2. MEMBERSHIP ON THE TASK FORCE SHALL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS, HOUSING AUTHORITIES, CIVIL AND FAITH ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY NETWORKS, HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROVIDERS, MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, BUSINESSES, AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY, AND A HOMELESS OR FORMERLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL.

3. ANY PLAN AND GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY A SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT HOMELESS HOUSING TASK FORCE SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO PROJECTS PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO TITLE ONE OF THIS ARTICLE.

4. EACH DISTRICT HOMELESS HOUSING TASK FORCE SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON THE PLAN AND GUIDELINES REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCE.

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

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S 2. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision 2 of section 50 of the social services law as amended by chapter 204 of the laws of 1998, are amended and a new paragraph (e) is added to read as follows:

(c) a description of the manner in which coordination with other federal, state, local and privately funded services will be achieved; [and]

(d) a description of how the services will be designed to assist households transition from a reliance on outside interventions and move toward housing stability and economic self reliance[.]; AND

(E) A COPY OF THE TEN-YEAR PLAN AND GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY A SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT HOMELESS TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION FIFTY-A OF THIS TITLE.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided however, that effective immediately, the commissioner of temporary and disability assistance is authorized and directed to add, amend and/or repeal any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date.