

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

September 27, 2017

Introduced by Sen. LATIMER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing police organization liaisons in immigrant communities

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 837-t  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 837-t. Police organization liaison in immigrant communities. 1.  
4 There is established in the county of Westchester a "police organization  
5 liaison in immigrant communities" program (POLICe). The program is to be  
6 funded annually in an amount not less than five hundred thousand dollars  
7 per year, for the purpose of providing at least five competitive grants  
8 to municipalities in the county, to create at least one police liaison  
9 in immigrant communities position within said municipality's police  
10 department.

11 2. The role of POLICe is to work with members of the community who are  
12 immigrants within that jurisdiction, regardless of federal immigration  
13 status, and the local law enforcement agency, to ensure the needs of the  
14 immigrant community are being properly met by law enforcement without  
15 stigma, fear or reprisal.

16 3. POLICe staff under this section shall be a civilian position,  
17 exempted from any state or federal laws related to cooperative law  
18 enforcement with state or federal immigration agencies.

19 § 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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