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Introduced by Sens. AMEDORE, AKSHAR, MURPHY, O'MARA, ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to authorizing the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services to provide funding to substance use disorder and/or compulsive gambling programs operated by for profit agencies

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

1 Section 1. Section 25.01 of the mental hygiene law, as added by chap-
2 ter 471 of the laws of 1980, paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 as amended and
3 paragraphs 5, 6, 7 and 8 of subdivision (a) as added by section 3 of
4 part G of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:
5 § 25.01 Definitions.

6 ~~[(a)]~~ As used ~~[herein]~~ in this article:

7 1. "Local governmental unit" shall have the same meaning as that
8 contained in article forty-one of this chapter.

9 2. "Operating expenses" shall mean expenditures approved by the office
10 and incurred for the maintenance and operation of substance use disorder
11 and/or compulsive gambling programs, including but not limited to
12 expenditures for treatment, administration, personnel, and contractual
13 services. Operating expenses do not include capital costs and debt
14 service unless such expenses are related to the rent, financing or refi-
15 nancing of the design, construction, acquisition, reconstruction, reha-
16 bilitation or improvement of a substance use disorder and/or compulsive
17 gambling program facility pursuant to the mental hygiene facilities
18 finance program through the dormitory authority ~~[of the state of New~~
19 ~~York]~~ (DASNY; successor to the Facilities Development Corporation), or
20 otherwise approved by the office.

21 3. "Debt service" shall mean amounts, subject to the approval of the
22 office, required to be paid to amortize obligations including principal

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

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1 and interest, assumed by or on behalf of [~~a-voluntary~~] an agency or a
2 program operated by a local governmental unit.

3 4. "Capital costs" shall mean the costs of a program operated by a
4 local governmental unit or [~~a-voluntary~~] an agency with respect to the
5 acquisition of real property estates, interests, and cooperative inter-
6 ests in realty, their design, construction, reconstruction, rehabili-
7 tation and improvement, original furnishings and equipment, site devel-
8 opment, and appurtenances of a facility.

9 5. "State aid" shall mean financial support provided through appropri-
10 ations of the office to support the provision of substance use disorder
11 treatment, compulsive gambling, prevention or other authorized services,
12 with the exclusion of appropriations for the purpose of medical assist-
13 ance.

14 6. [~~"Voluntary agency"~~] "Agency" contributions" shall mean revenue
15 sources of [~~voluntary~~] agencies exclusive of state aid and local tax
16 levy.

17 7. "Approved net operating cost" shall mean the remainder of total
18 operating expenses approved by the office, less all sources of revenue,
19 including [~~voluntary~~] agency contributions and local tax levy.

20 8. [~~"Voluntary agency"~~] "Agency" shall mean a corporation organized or
21 existing pursuant to the not-for-profit corporation law for the purpose
22 of, or any business entity providing substance use disorder, treatment,
23 compulsive gambling, prevention or other authorized services.

24 § 2. Section 25.03 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter
25 223 of the laws of 1992, subdivisions (a) and (b) as amended and subdivi-
26 sion (d) as added by section 4 of part G of chapter 56 of the laws of
27 2013, is amended to read as follows:

28 § 25.03 Financial support and disbursement of funds.

29 (a) In accordance with the provisions of this article, and within
30 appropriations made available, the office may provide state aid to a
31 program operated by a local governmental unit or [~~voluntary~~] an agency
32 up to one hundred per centum of the approved net operating costs of such
33 program operated by a local governmental unit or [~~voluntary~~] an agency,
34 and state aid may also be granted to a program operated by a local
35 governmental unit or [~~a-voluntary~~] an agency for capital costs associ-
36 ated with the provision of services at a rate of up to one hundred
37 percent of approved capital costs. Such state aid shall not be granted
38 unless and until such program operated by a local governmental unit or
39 [~~voluntary~~] an agency is in compliance with all regulations promulgated
40 by the commissioner regarding the financing of capital projects. Such
41 state aid for approved net operating costs shall be made available by
42 way of advance or reimbursement, through either contracts entered into
43 between the office and such [~~voluntary~~] agency or by distribution of
44 such state aid to local governmental units through a grant process
45 pursuant to section 25.11 of this article.

46 (b) Financial support by the office shall be subject to the approval
47 of the director of the budget and within available appropriations.

48 (c) All federal financial assistance granted or allocated to the
49 office by the United States shall only be paid out on the audit and
50 warrant of the comptroller on the certificate of the commissioner or his
51 authorized representative.

52 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the state to
53 increase such state aid should a local governmental unit choose to
54 remove any portion of its local tax levy support of [~~voluntary~~] agen-
55 cies, although the state may choose to do so to address an urgent public

1 need, or conversely, may choose to reduce its state aid up to the same
2 percentage as the reduction in local tax levy.

3 § 3. Section 25.05 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by section 5
4 of part G of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 § 25.05 Reimbursement from other sources.

7 The office shall not provide [~~a-voluntary~~] ~~an~~ agency or a program
8 operated by a local governmental unit with financial support for obli-
9 gations incurred by or on behalf of such program or agency for substance
10 use disorder and/or compulsive gambling services for which reimbursement
11 is or may be claimed under any provision of law other than this article.

12 § 4. Section 25.07 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by section 7
13 of part G of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 § 25.07 Non-substitution.

16 [~~A-voluntary~~] ~~An~~ agency or a program operated by a local governmental
17 unit shall not substitute state monies for cash contributions, federal
18 aid otherwise committed to or intended for use in such program or by
19 such agency, revenues derived from the operation of such program or
20 agency, or the other resources available for use in the operation of the
21 program or agency.

22 § 5. Section 25.09 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by section 8
23 of part G of chapter 56 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 § 25.09 Administrative costs.

26 Subject to the approval of the director of the budget, the office
27 shall establish a limit on the amount of financial support which may be
28 advanced or reimbursed to [~~a-voluntary~~] ~~an~~ agency or a program operated
29 by a local governmental unit for the administration of a program.

30 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately.