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Introduced by Sens. SEWARD, AKSHAR, BONACIC, GALLIVAN, RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to providing state aid to municipalities to offset the costs and expenses of providing public safety services that are necessary as a result of the presence of a residential institution located in such municipality

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

Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 54-n to read as follows:

§ 54-n. State aid to offset costs and expenses of certain public safety services. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

a. "host municipality" shall mean a municipality in which a residential institution is located, either in whole or in part.

b. "residential institution" shall mean any four year residential school, college or university of the state university of New York.

c. "municipality" shall mean a county, town, city or village located in this state.

2. Within the amount appropriated therefor, each host municipality shall receive aid according to the formula set forth in subdivision three of this section. Aid received by a host municipality shall be used by such host municipality as follows:

a. fifty percent of such aid received shall be used to offset the costs and expenses of providing public safety services that are necessary as a result of the presence of a residential institution located in such host municipality; and

b. fifty percent of such aid received shall be used to reduce the real property tax levied by such host municipality.

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

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3. The amount of aid made available to a host municipality to offset the costs and expenses of providing public safety services shall be the difference in the cost between the per student cost for the provision of public safety services by the host municipality less any per student aid and incentives for municipalities funding received by such host municipality from the state, multiplied by the student population in attendance at the residential institution located in such host municipality. If a residential institution is located in two or more host municipalities, the amount of aid made available pursuant to this subdivision shall be distributed among such host municipalities pursuant to an intermunicipal agreement setting forth a distribution formula that shall be approved by each of the legislative bodies of such host municipalities.

4. Payments made pursuant to this section shall be made on or before July first of each year.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.