STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 13, 2019

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to members and powers of intergovernmental relations councils

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

Section 1. Section 239-n of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 728 of the laws of 1961, the section heading, the opening paragraph and paragraph a of subdivision 1 and subdivisions 2 and 3 as amended and paragraph h of subdivision 1 as added by chapter 203 of the laws of 1983, paragraphs f and g of subdivision 1 as amended and paragraph e of subdivision 1 as added by chapter 96 of the laws of 1962 and paragraphs i, j and k of subdivision 1 as added by chapter 605 of the laws of 1993, is renumbered section 239-nnn and is amended to read as follows:

§ 239-nnn. Intergovernmental relations councils. 1. Any county outside the city of New York, city, town, village, school district, board of cooperative educational services, [~~or~~] fire district **or public benefit corporation** or any combination thereof, may create by agreement an intergovernmental relations council to strengthen local governments and to promote efficient and economical provision of [~~local governmental~~] **public** services within or by such participating [~~municipalities~~] **members**, and to that end such council shall have power to:

a. Make surveys and studies and conduct research programs to aid in the solution of local governmental problems and in efforts to improve administration and services.

b. Provide for the distribution of information resulting from such surveys, studies and programs.

c. Consult and cooperate with appropriate state, municipal and public or private agencies in matters affecting municipal government.

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

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d. Devise**, recommend and implement** practical ways and means for obtaining greater economy and efficiency in the planning and provision of [~~municipal~~] **public** services [~~and make recommendations in accordance therewith~~].

e. Promote the general commercial, industrial and cultural welfare of the participating [~~municipalities~~] **members**.

f. Otherwise promote strong and effective local government, public health, safety, morals and general welfare by means of local and inter-community planning or performance of [~~municipal~~] **public** services **and governmental functions**.

g. Employ such persons and adopt such rules and regulations as shall be necessary and proper to effectuate the purposes of this section.

h. Provide a forum for local governments to explore and develop areas for [~~municipal~~] cooperative activities pursuant to [~~article five-G of~~] this chapter.

i. Operate as a purchasing consortium, where authorized by participating [~~municipalities~~] **members**, for the purpose of obtaining economies through joint bidding and purchasing.

j. Purchase and make available to participating [~~municipalities~~] **members**, where authorized by participating [~~municipalities~~] **members**, goods [~~and~~]**,** equipment **and services**, including but not limited to computer hardware and software.

k. Gather and make available information on surplus goods and equipment for sale or lease.

2. The **participating** members of an intergovernmental relations council shall adopt by-laws to govern its activities and shall elect from their own number a [~~chairman~~] **chairperson** and secretary and other necessary officers to serve for such period as the **participating** members shall decide.

3. The board of supervisors of a county, the appropriate officials of a city, the governing body of a school district, board of cooperative educational services or fire district, the board of trustees of a village, [~~or~~] the town board of a town **or the members or board of a public benefit corporation**, is hereby authorized to include annually in the budget and raise by taxation in such county, city, school district, village or town a sum to meet all or an appropriate share of the actual and necessary expenses of establishing, maintaining and continuing such intergovernmental relations council.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.