STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 20, 2020

Introduced by Sen. BROOKS -- 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 authorizing boards of cooperative educational services to establish workers' compensation reserve funds

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

Section 1. The section heading and subdivisions 1, 3, 4 and 6 of section 6-j of the general municipal law, the section heading as amended by chapter 704 of the laws of 1956, subdivisions 1 and 4 as amended by chapter 476 of the laws of 2018, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 140 of the laws of 1996 and subdivision 6 as amended by chapter 340 of the laws of 1973 and as renumbered by chapter 433 of the laws of 1987, are amended to read as follows:

[~~Workmen's~~] **Workers'** compensation reserve fund.

1. The governing board of any municipal corporation, school district**, board of cooperative educational services** or fire district, which is, or shall [~~hereafter~~] become a self-insurer under the provisions of subdivision four of section fifty of the workers' compensation law or section thirty of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law may establish a reserve fund to be known as the workers' compensation reserve fund of such municipal corporation, school district**, board of cooperative educational services** or fire district.

3. The moneys in such fund shall be deposited and secured in the manner provided by section ten of this article. The money in such fund so deposited shall be accounted for separate and apart from all other funds of the municipality, school district**, board of cooperative educational services** or fire district, in the same manner as provided in subdivision ten of section six-c of this article. The governing board, or the chief fiscal officer of such municipality, school district**, board of cooperative educational services** or fire district, if the governing board shall delegate such duty to him **or her**, may invest the moneys in such fund in the manner provided in section eleven of this article. Any interest earned or capital gain realized on the money so deposited or

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

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invested shall accrue to and become part of such fund. The separate identity of such fund shall be maintained whether its assets consist of cash or investments or both.

4. An expenditure shall be made from such fund only for the payment of compensation and benefits, medical, hospital or other expense authorized by article two of the workers' compensation law and by the volunteer firefighters' benefit law and expenses of administering the self-insurance program for such municipal corporation, school district**, board of cooperative educational services** or fire district.

6. If the municipal corporation, school district**, board of cooperative educational services** or fire district shall, after the establishment of such fund, cease to be a self-insurer, the moneys remaining in such fund may be transferred to any other fund authorized by this chapter or section thirty-six hundred fifty-one of the education law only to the extent that the moneys in such fund shall exceed in amount the sum sufficient to pay all expenditures authorized in [~~**paragraph numbered**~~] **subdivision** four **of this section**, both accrued and contingent.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.