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Introduced by M. of A. ENGLEBRIGHT, COLTON, J. RIVERA, ABBATE, LUPARDO, MAGNARELLI, GUNTHER, DINOWITZ -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BENEDETTO, GOTTFRIED, PAULIN, RAMOS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Aging

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to establishing an intergenerational educational and mentoring service program

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

Section 1. The elder law is amended by adding a new article 4 to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV
INTERGENERATIONAL EDUCATIONAL
AND MENTORING SERVICE
PROGRAM

Section 401. Definitions.

402. Local intergenerational educational and mentoring service programs.

403. Duties of the director.

404. Funding.

405. Report.

§ 401. Definitions. As used in this section:

1. "Advisory committee" shall mean the advisory committee for the aging established pursuant to section two hundred ten of this chapter.

2. "Designated agency" shall have the same meaning as is ascribed to such term by paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section two hundred fourteen of this chapter.

3. "Director" shall mean the director of the office for the aging.

4. "Intergenerational educational and mentoring program" shall mean a statewide program administered by the director, in consultation with the commissioner of education, that coordinates a network of local intergenerational educational and mentoring service programs.

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

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1 5. "Local intergenerational educational and mentoring service program"
2 shall mean a local project that is selected by the director to be the
3 lead agency in each community to coordinate the delivery of support
4 services by members in local elementary schools.

5 6. "Member" shall mean an individual fifty-five years of age or older
6 who volunteers and participates in the activities of a local intergenerational
7 educational and mentoring service program assisting students.
8 Provided that no person, who replaces any worker providing such services
9 under a contract with a collective bargaining unit, shall be deemed to
10 be a member.

11 7. "Office" shall mean the office for the aging.

12 § 402. Local intergenerational educational and mentoring service
13 programs. The office, through the intergenerational educational and
14 mentoring service program, shall provide all support and assistance to
15 local intergenerational educational and mentoring service programs
16 necessary to implement the provisions of this article. The director
17 shall, through local intergenerational educational and mentoring service
18 programs, offer adults age fifty-five or older placement in service
19 positions assisting students in elementary school. Such service posi-
20 tions shall include result-oriented tutoring, mentoring and other educa-
21 tional support for children and youth in need. The local intergenerational
22 educational and mentoring service program shall provide all
23 necessary training to members. Members shall provide both one-on-one
24 assistance and participate in any other activities which benefit an
25 entire school or organizational community.

26 § 403. Duties of the director. 1. The director shall, in consultation
27 with the commissioner of education, promulgate rules and regulations
28 establishing standards and requirements for local intergenerational
29 educational and mentoring service programs receiving grants pursuant to
30 this article. Such rules and regulations shall include, but not be
31 limited to:

32 (a) procedures for coordinating and supporting the network of local
33 intergenerational educational and mentoring service programs receiving
34 grants pursuant to this article;

35 (b) procedures for working with public and private schools, colleges,
36 universities, community colleges, community based organizations, the
37 National Senior Service Corps and the lead agencies of local intergenerational
38 educational and mentoring service programs;

39 (c) a procedure for individuals to apply to become and become members;

40 (d) requirements for participation as a member and as a local inter-
41 generational educational and mentoring service program;

42 (e) standards, based on measurable outcomes, for the evaluation of
43 local intergenerational educational and mentoring service programs; and

44 (f) any other requirements the director determines to be reasonable
45 and necessary.

46 2. The rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to subdivision one
47 of this section shall provide for the inclusion of local intergenerational
48 educational and mentoring service programs in the planning proc-
49 ess by designated agencies.

50 § 404. Funding. 1. The director shall, within the amounts appropriated
51 therefor, award grants on a competitive basis to not-for-profit corpo-
52 rations and local governments seeking to operate a local intergenerational
53 educational and mentoring service program. The director shall
54 consider, in the awarding of grants, the regional needs and the compar-
55 ative wealth of the school district.

1 2. The office may expend not more than three percent of the moneys
2 appropriated, for the purposes of this article, for costs of administer-
3 ing this article.

4 3. Each local intergenerational educational and mentoring service
5 program shall pay not less than ten percent of its expenses with income
6 derived from private fundraising, school districts or any other source.

7 § 405. Report. The director, in consultation with the advisory commit-
8 tee, affected state agencies, affected municipal agencies, local spon-
9 sors and persons involved in local intergenerational educational and
10 mentoring service programs, shall, on or before December thirty-first,
11 two thousand twenty-two, issue a report to the governor, the temporary
12 president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the
13 senate committee on education, the chair of the senate committee on
14 aging, the chair of the assembly committee on education and the chair of
15 the assembly committee on aging, on the projected cost and benefits of
16 establishing uniform standards and requirements for the operation of
17 local intergenerational educational and mentoring service programs.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
19 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
20 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
21 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
22 completed on or before such effective date.