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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. KENNEDY, SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed,
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend chapter 53 of the laws of 2019, enacting the aid to
localities budget, in relation to state HIV rental assistance funding

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

1 Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 53 of the laws of 2019, enacting the
2 aid to localities budget, is amended by repealing the items hereinbelow
3 set forth in brackets and by adding to such section the other items
4 underscored in this section.

5 DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE
6 OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

7 AID TO LOCALITIES 2019-20

8 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision
9 of law, for state reimbursement of a
10 program in social services districts with
11 a population over five million for shelter
12 supplements in order to prevent eviction
13 and to address homelessness in accordance
14 with a plan approved by the office of
15 temporary and disability assistance and
16 the director of the budget. Expenditures
17 for such shelter supplements for individ-
18 uals and families in receipt of safety net
19 assistance shall be reimbursed at 29
20 percent by this appropriation. Expendi-
21 tures for any other such shelter supple-
22 ments shall be fully reimbursed by this

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

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1 appropriation. Such reimbursement shall
2 constitute total reimbursement for activ-
3 ities funded herein for state fiscal year
4 2019-20 (52221) 15,000,000

5 For services and expenses of a voluntary
6 initiative in social services districts
7 with a population of five million or fewer
8 to fund emergency shelter allowance
9 payments in excess of those promulgated by
10 the office of temporary and disability
11 assistance, but not exceeding an amount
12 reasonably approximate to 100 percent of
13 fair market rent, and to reimburse 100
14 percent of the additional rental costs
15 determined based on limiting such person's
16 earned and/or unearned income contribution
17 to 30 percent, which the district deter-
18 mines are necessary to establish or main-
19 tain independent living arrangements among
20 persons eligible for or in receipt of
21 public assistance who are living with
22 medically diagnosed HIV infection as
23 defined by the AIDS institute of the State
24 department of health and who are homeless
25 or facing homelessness and for whom no
26 viable and less costly alternative to
27 housing is available; provided, however,
28 that funds appropriated herein may only be
29 used for such purposes if the cost of such
30 allowances are not eligible for reimburse-
31 ment under medical assistance or other
32 programs, and further provided that such
33 payments shall not be part of the standard
34 of need pursuant to section 131-a of the
35 social services law. Such funds may be
36 provided by the commissioner of the office
37 of temporary and disability assistance to
38 participating social services districts
39 with a population of five million or fewer
40 in accordance with a plan submitted by
41 such social services district and approved
42 by the office of temporary and disability
43 assistance and the director of the budget.
44 Up to \$1,000,000 may be made available,
45 without local participation, to selected
46 social services districts that submit an
47 approved plan, which includes one or more
48 agreements with medicaid managed care
49 organizations, performing provider
50 systems, and/or other third-party payors
51 to provide dollar for dollar matching
52 funding and an agreement with a qualified
53 not-for-profit entity to provide services,
54 including case management, to those
55 persons in receipt of the emergency shel-
56 ter allowance in excess of that promulgat-

ed by the office of temporary and disability assistance and the 30 percent income contribution identified in this paragraph.

To the extent that savings are realized over the course of the designated period set forth in the plan, at the end of the period set forth in the plan, the savings shall be shared among the social services

district and the medicaid managed care organization, performing provider system, and/or other third-party payor [~~shall continue to fully fund such ongoing excess shelter allowance payments and services for the participating public assistance recipients~~]

to cover administrative costs of the initiative and to continue to provide ongoing funding to ensure housing stability for persons eligible for or in receipt of public assistance who are living with medically diagnosed HIV infection

5,000,000

For services and expenses related to the continuation of the empire state poverty reduction initiative

4,500,000

For services and expenses of Ibero-American Action League

50,000

For services and expenses of Mohawk Valley Latino Association

50,000

For services and expenses of Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc

50,000

For services and expenses of Centro Civico of Amsterdam

50,000

For services and expenses of Spanish Action League in Onondaga

50,000

For services and expenses of Hempstead Hispanic Civic Association

50,000

For services and expenses of the Hispanic Federation

50,000

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.