

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 3, 2021

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing the home care jobs innovation program; to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the home care jobs innovation fund; making an appropriation therefor; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section
2 3613-a to read as follows:

3 § 3613-a. Home care jobs innovation program. 1. The department, in
4 conjunction with the office for the aging, shall establish a home care
5 jobs innovation program. Such program shall:

6 (a) identify, develop and support projects throughout the state
7 designed to increase the number of individuals who become home care
8 workers;

9 (b) identify, develop and support projects throughout the state
10 designed to increase the employment retention of individuals who are
11 employed as home care workers; and

12 (c) grant awards pursuant to subdivision two of this section, subject
13 to appropriation, to the home care jobs innovation fund established
14 pursuant to section ninety-nine-ii of the state finance law.

15 2. The department, in conjunction with the office for the aging, shall
16 grant awards to projects identified or developed pursuant to subdivision
17 one of this section. Such awards shall be for the state fiscal years two
18 thousand twenty-one--two thousand twenty-two, two thousand twenty-two--
19 two thousand twenty-three and two thousand twenty-three--two thousand
20 twenty-four, and shall not exceed five million dollars in any state
21 fiscal year. Awards shall be granted at three tier levels as follows:

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<u>Award Level</u>	<u>Amount of Award</u>
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1	<u>Tier 1</u>	<u>\$100,000 or greater but less</u>
2		<u>than \$300,000</u>
3	<u>Tier 2</u>	<u>\$300,000 or greater but less</u>
4		<u>than \$750,000</u>
5	<u>Tier 3</u>	<u>\$750,000 to \$1,000,000</u>

6 3. Awards granted pursuant to subdivision two of this section shall be
7 used to fund project costs, including, but not limited to, project eval-
8 uation, project administration, project implementation, and employee
9 related costs, including additional employee compensation and bonuses.
10 Awards shall be granted for both for-profit and not-for-profit projects,
11 and, to the greatest extent practicable, be granted uniformly throughout
12 both rural and urban areas of the state to reflect the diversity
13 reflected by those areas.

14 4. The department, in conjunction with the office for the aging, is
15 authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the imple-
16 mentation of this section.

17 § 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-ii to
18 read as follows:

19 § 99-ii. Home care jobs innovation fund. 1. There is hereby estab-
20 lished in the joint custody of the commissioner of health, the director
21 of the office for the aging and the comptroller, a special fund to be
22 known as the "home care jobs innovation fund".

23 2. Such fund shall consist of all moneys appropriated, credited, or
24 transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law.
25 Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the state from receiving
26 grants, gifts, or bequests for the purposes of the fund, as defined in
27 this section, and depositing them into the fund according to law.

28 3. Monies of the fund shall be expended only for the purposes of
29 granting awards pursuant to section thirty-six hundred thirteen-a of the
30 public health law.

31 4. Monies of the fund shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the
32 comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner of
33 health and the director of the office for the aging.

34 5. To the extent practicable, the commissioner of health, in conjunc-
35 tion with the director of the office for the aging, shall ensure that
36 all monies received during a fiscal year are expended prior to the end
37 of that fiscal year.

38 § 3. The sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000), or so much thereof
39 as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the state
40 treasury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes account
41 not otherwise appropriated to the home care jobs innovation fund for the
42 purposes of granting awards by the home care jobs innovation program in
43 carrying out the provisions of this act. Such sum shall be payable on
44 the audit and warrant of the state comptroller on vouchers certified or
45 approved in the manner provided by law.

46 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
47 deemed repealed April 1, 2024.