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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT in relation to authorizing the county of Monroe to establish and implement a two-year universal basic income pilot program; 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:

Section 1. The county of Monroe is hereby authorized to establish and implement a two-year universal basic income pilot program.

§ 2. Such pilot program shall include 1000 participants chosen randomly from applicants residing in the county. An applicant is eligible for participation in the program if the applicant is part of a household with at least one child under the age of eighteen at the time of application. Participants shall agree to fully participate in the study and analysis of the pilot program which shall be administered by an academic research partner. Participants shall receive $500 per month in additional income for the duration of the program. Any monies received by participants as a result of such program shall not be included in determining eligibility for any state assistance program.

§ 3. Such pilot program shall be funded with (a) any state funds appropriated for such program and (b) any other source of funds secured by the county of Monroe for such program, including but not limited to, funding provided by any not-for-profit corporation.

§ 4. No later than one year after the conclusion of the pilot program, the county executive, in coordination with the chief financial officer of the county, shall prepare and submit a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly on the results and findings of the program. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

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

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a. information on the effects of the additional income on the health, stress levels, and mental health of each participant and their household;

b. information on the effects of the additional income on the income level of each participant, including the alleviation of poverty for any participant experiencing poverty;

c. information regarding changes in employment or employment opportunities as a result of the additional income for each participant and their household;

d. socio-demographic information, including but not limited to the age, race, ethnicity, education level, family composition, community of residence, housing costs, income level, and government benefits received, of each participant and their household;

e. data on how the additional income from the program was allocated; and

f. recommendations on implementing future universal income pilot programs, including a statewide program.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed two years after such date.