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Introduced by Sen. REICHLIN-MELNICK -- 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 enhancing flexibility within the county-wide shared services initiative; and to repeal certain provisions of the general municipal law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 239-bb of the general municipal
2 law, as added by section 1 of part EE of chapter 55 of the laws of 2018,
3 is amended to read as follows:

4 2. County-wide shared services panels. a. There shall be a county-wide
5 shared services panel in each county consisting of the county CEO, and
6 one representative from each city, town ~~[and]~~, village and school
7 district in the county. The chief executive officer of each town, city
8 and village shall be the representative to a panel and shall be the
9 mayor, if a city or a village, or shall be the supervisor, if a town.
10 In the case of a school district, a representative shall be elected by
11 majority vote of the school board to serve as the representative of such
12 school district. The county CEO shall serve as chair. All panels estab-
13 lished in each county pursuant to part BBB of chapter fifty-nine of the
14 laws of two thousand seventeen, and prior to the enactment of this arti-
15 cle, shall continue in satisfaction of this section in such form as they
16 were established, provided that the county CEO may alter the membership
17 of the panel consistent with paragraph b of this subdivision.

18 b. The county CEO may invite any ~~[school district,~~ board of cooper-
19 ative educational services, fire district, fire protection district, or
20 special improvement district in the county to join a panel. Upon such
21 invitation, the governing body of such ~~[school district,~~ board of coop-
22 erative educational services, fire district, fire protection district,
23 or other special district may accept such invitation by selecting a

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

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1 representative of such governing body, by majority vote, to serve as a
2 member of the panel. Such ~~[school-district]~~ board of cooperative educa-
3 tional services, fire district, fire protection district or other
4 special district shall maintain such representation until the panel
5 either approves a plan or transmits a statement to the secretary of
6 state on the reason the panel did not approve a plan, pursuant to para-
7 graph d of subdivision seven of this section. Upon approval of a plan or
8 a transmission of a statement to the secretary of state that a panel did
9 not approve a plan in any calendar year, the county CEO may, but need
10 not, invite any ~~[school-district]~~ board of cooperative educational
11 services, fire district, fire protection district or special improvement
12 district in the county to join a panel thereafter convened.

13 § 2. Subdivision 8 of section 239-bb of the general municipal law, as
14 added by section 1 of part EE of chapter 55 of the laws of 2018, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 8. For each county, new shared services actions ~~[not-included]~~ in ~~[a~~
17 ~~previously]~~ an approved and submitted plan pursuant to this section or
18 part BBB of chapter fifty-nine of the laws of two thousand seventeen,
19 may be eligible for funding to match savings from such action, subject
20 to available appropriation. Savings that are actually and demonstrably
21 realized by the participating local governments are eligible for match-
22 ing funding. For actions that are part of an approved plan transmitted
23 to the secretary of state in accordance with paragraph b of subdivision
24 seven of this section, savings achieved ~~[from]~~ during either: (i) Janu-
25 ary first through December thirty-first from new actions implemented on
26 or after January first through December thirty-first of the year imme-
27 diately following an approved [and-transmitted] plan, or (ii) July first
28 of the year immediately following an approved plan through June thirti-
29 eth of the subsequent year from new actions implemented July first of
30 the year immediately following an approved plan through June thirtieth
31 of the subsequent year may be eligible for matching funding. Only net
32 savings between local governments for each action would be eligible for
33 matching funding. Savings from internal efficiencies or any other action
34 taken by a local government without the participation of another local
35 government are not eligible for matching funding. Each county and all of
36 the local governments within the county that are part of any action to
37 be implemented as part of an approved plan must collectively apply for
38 the matching funding and agree on the distribution and use of any match-
39 ing funding in order to qualify for matching funding. Each county shall
40 be authorized to submit one consolidated application for matching funds
41 for each approved and transmitted plan. All actions from a plan for
42 which matching funds will be requested shall adhere to the same twelve-
43 month period beginning either January first or July first. The secretary
44 of state shall develop the application with any necessary requirements
45 for receipt of state matching funds.

46 § 3. Subdivision 11 of section 239-bb of the general municipal law is
47 REPEALED.

48 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.