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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 -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to extending the county-wide shared services initiative and enhancing flexibility within

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

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

8. For each county, new shared services actions not included in a previously approved and submitted plan pursuant to this section or part BBB of chapter fifty-nine of the laws of two thousand seventeen, may be eligible for funding to match savings from such action, subject to available appropriation. Savings that are actually and demonstrably realized by the participating local governments are eligible for matching funding. For actions that are part of an approved plan transmitted to the secretary of state in accordance with paragraph b of subdivision seven of this section, savings achieved [~~from~~] **during either: (i)** January first through December thirty-first from new actions implemented on or after January first through December thirty-first of the year immediately following an approved and transmitted plan**, or (ii) July first of the year immediately following an approved and transmitted plan through June thirtieth of the subsequent year from new actions implemented July first of the year immediately following an approved plan through June thirtieth of the subsequent year** may be eligible for matching funding. Only net savings between local governments for each action would be eligible for matching funding. Savings from internal efficien-

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

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cies or any other action taken by a local government without the participation of another local government are not eligible for matching funding. Each county and all of the local governments within the county that are part of any action to be implemented as part of an approved plan must collectively apply for the matching funding and agree on the distribution and use of any matching funding in order to qualify for matching funding.

§ 2. Subdivision 9 of section 239-bb of the general municipal law, as added by section 1 of part EE of chapter 55 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

9. The department of state shall prepare a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly on the county-wide shared services plans approved by the county-wide shared services panels created pursuant to part BBB of chapter fifty-nine of the laws of two thousand seventeen and this article and shall post the report on the department's website. Such report shall be provided on or before June thirtieth, two thousand [~~twenty-two~~] twenty-five and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

a. a detailed summary of projects included in county-wide shared services plans by category, such as:

(1) public health and insurance;

(2) emergency services;

(3) sewer, water, and waste management systems;

(4) energy procurement and efficiency;

(5) parks and recreation;

(6) education and workforce training;

(7) law and courts;

(8) shared equipment, personnel, and services;

(9) joint purchasing;

(10) governmental reorganization;

(11) transportation and highway departments; and

(12) records management and administrative functions.

b. for each of the counties the following information:

(1) a detailed summary of each of the savings plans, including revisions and updates submitted each year or the statement explaining why the county did not approve a plan in any year;

(2) the anticipated savings for each plan;

(3) the number of cities, towns and villages in the county;

(4) the number of cities, towns and villages that participated in a panel, as reported in a plan;

(5) the number of school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, fire districts, fire protection districts, or other special districts in the county; and

(6) the number of school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, fire districts, fire protection districts, or other special districts that participated in a panel, as reported in a plan.

§ 3. Subdivision 11 of section 239-bb of the general municipal law, as added by section 1 of part EE of chapter 55 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

11. The authority granted by this article to a county CEO to convene a panel for the purpose of revising or updating a previously approved plan, or developing a new plan, or to provide the secretary of state information pursuant to subdivision ten of this section, shall cease on December thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-one~~] twenty-four.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.