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IN SENATE

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Introduced by BUDGET BILL -- (at request of the Budget) -- 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 2021, enacting the aid to localities budget, and to amend chapter 54 of the laws of 2021, enacting the capital projects budget, in relation to making technical corrections thereto

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

1 Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 53 of the laws of 2021, 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 б OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES 7 AID TO LOCALITIES 2021-22 8 9 _____ 10 General Fund 11 Local Assistance Account - 10000 12 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision 13 of law, the funds appropriated herein 14 shall be available for transfer to the federal health and human services fund, 15 16 local assistance account, federal day care 17 account to operate and support enrollment

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

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in the child care facilitated enrollment 1 2 pilot program which expand access to child 3 care subsidies for working families who 4 live or are employed in Onondaga County 5 with income up to 275 percent of the federal poverty level as provided to the [Consortium for Worker Education] NYS б 7 8 AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute to 9 administer and to implement a plan 10 approved by the office of children and 11 family services. The administrative cost, including the cost of the development of 12 the evaluation of the pilot program shall 13 not exceed ten percent of the funds avail-14 15 able for the purpose. The remaining 16 portion of the funds shall be allocated to 17 the office of children and family services 18 to the local social services district 19 where the recipient families reside as 20 determined by the project administrator 21 based on projected need and cost of 22 providing child care subsidies payment to working families enrolled through the pilot initiative, provided however the 23 24 25 local social services district shall not 26 reimburse subsidy payment in excess of the 27 amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support and the applicable 28 local social services district shall not 29 30 be required to approve or pay for subsi-31 dies not funded herein. Child care subsi-32 dies paid on behalf of eligible families 33 shall be reimbursed at the actual cost of 34 care up to the applicable market rate for 35 the district in which the child care is provided and in accordance with the fee 36 37 schedule of the local social services 38 district making the subsidy payment. Up to ten percent of funds available for this 39 purpose shall be made available to the 40 41 [Consortium for Worker Education] NYS 42 AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute, 43 or other designated administrator, to 44 administer and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and 45 46 family services for this pilot program. 47 This administrator shall prepare and 48 submit to the office of children and family services, the chairs of the senate committee on social services, the senate 49 50 51 committee on children and families, the 52 senate committee on labor, the chairs of 53 the assembly committee on children and families, the assembly committee on social 54 services, and the assembly committee on 55 56 labor a report on the pilot program with

recommendations. Such report shall include 1 2 available information regarding the pilot 3 program or participants in the pilot 4 program, including but not limited to: the 5 number of income eligible children of б working parents with income greater than 7 200 percent but at or less than 275 percent of the federal poverty level, 8 the 9 ages of the children served by the 10 program, the number of families served by the program who are in receipt of family 11 assistance, the factors that parents 12 13 considered when searching for child care, 14 the factors that barred the families' 15 access to child care assistance prior to 16 their enrollment in the facilitated 17 enrollment program, the number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant 18 19 to this program who choose to use such 20 subsidy for regulated child care, and the 21 number of families who receive a child 22 care subsidy pursuant to this program who 23 choose to use such subsidy to receive 24 child care services provided by a legally exempt provider. Such report shall be 25 26 submitted by the program administrator, on 27 or before November 1, 2021, provided that 28 if such report is not received by November 29 30, 2021, reimbursement for administrative 30 costs shall be either reduced or withheld, 31 and failure of an administrator to submit 32 a timely report may jeopardize such admin-33 istrator's program from receiving funding in future years. The administrator for 34 35 this pilot program shall submit bimonthly 36 reports to the office of children and 37 family services, the local social services 38 district, the administration for chil-39 dren's services, and the legislature. Each 40 bi-monthly report shall provide without 41 benefit of personal identifying informa-42 tion, the pilot program's current enroll-43 ment level, amount of the child's subsidy, 44 co-payment levels, and any other informa-45 tion as needed or required by the office 46 of children and family services. Further, 47 the office of children and family services 48 shall provide technical assistance to the 49 pilot program to assist with program administration and timely coordination of 50 51 the bi-monthly claiming process. Notwith-52 standing any other provision of law, this 53 pilot program maintained herein may be 54 terminated if the administrator for such 55 program mismanages such program, by engag-56 ing in actions including but not limited

to, improper use of funds, providing for 1 2 child care subsidies in excess of the 3 amount the subsidy funding appropriated 4 herein can support, and failing to submit 5 claims for reimbursement in a timely fashб ion 500,000 7 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision 8 of law, the funds appropriated herein 9 shall be available for transfer to the 10 federal health and human services fund, local assistance account, federal day care 11 12 account to operate and support enrollment 13 in the child care facilitated enrollment 14 pilot program which expand access to child 15 care subsidies for working families who 16 live or are employed in Erie County with income up to 275 percent of the federal 17 poverty level as provided to the [Consor-18 19 tium for Worker Education] NYS AFL-CIO 20 Workforce Development Institute to admin-21 ister and to implement a plan approved by 22 office of children and family the services. The administrative cost, includ-23 24 ing the cost of the development of the 25 evaluation of the pilot program shall not 26 exceed ten percent of the funds available 27 for the purpose. The remaining portion of 28 the funds shall be allocated to the office of children and family services to the 29 local social services district where the 30 31 recipient families reside as determined by 32 the project administrator based on 33 projected need and cost of providing child 34 care subsidies payment to working families enrolled through the pilot initiative, 35 36 provided however the local social services 37 district shall not reimburse subsidy 38 payment in excess of the amount the subsi-39 dy funding appropriated herein can support and the applicable local social services 40 41 district shall not be required to approve 42 or pay for subsidies not funded herein. 43 Child care subsidies paid on behalf of eligible families shall be reimbursed at 44 45 the actual cost of care up to the applica-46 ble market rate for the district in which 47 the child care is provided and in accord-48 ance with the fee schedule of the local 49 social services district making the subsidy payment. Up to ten percent of funds 50 available for this purpose shall be made 51 52 available to the [Consortium for Worker 53 Education] NYS AFL-CIO Workforce Develop-54 ment Institute, or other designated admin-55 istrator, to administer and to implement a 56 plan approved by the office of children

and family services for 1 this pilot 2 program. This administrator shall prepare 3 and submit to the office of children and family services, the chairs of the senate 4 5 committee on social services, the senate б committee on children and families, the 7 senate committee on labor, the chairs of 8 the assembly committee on children and 9 families, the assembly committee on social 10 services, and the assembly committee on 11 labor a report on the pilot program with recommendations. Such report shall include 12 13 available information regarding the pilot 14 program or participants in the pilot 15 program, including but not limited to: the 16 number of income eligible children of 17 working parents with income greater than 200 percent but at or less than 275 18 19 percent of the federal poverty level, the 20 ages of the children served by the 21 program, the number of families served by 22 the program who are in receipt of family 23 assistance, the factors that parents 24 considered when searching for child care, 25 the factors that barred the families' 26 access to child care assistance prior to 27 their enrollment in the facilitated enrollment program, the number of families 28 29 who receive a child care subsidy pursuant 30 to this program who choose to use such 31 subsidy for regulated child care, and the 32 number of families who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who 33 choose to use such subsidy to receive 34 35 child care services provided by a legally 36 exempt provider. Such report shall be 37 submitted by the program administrator, on 38 or before November 1, 2021, provided that 39 if such report is not received by November 40 30, 2021, reimbursement for administrative 41 costs shall be either reduced or withheld, 42 and failure of an administrator to submit 43 a timely report may jeopardize such admin-44 istrator's program from receiving funding 45 in future years. The administrator for 46 this pilot program shall submit bimonthly 47 reports to the office of children and 48 family services, the local social services 49 district, the administration for children's services, and the legislature. Each 50 bi-monthly report shall provide without 51 52 benefit of personal identifying informa-53 tion, the pilot program's current enroll-54 ment level, amount of the child's subsidy, co-payment levels, and any other informa-55 56 tion as needed or required by the office

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of children and family services. Further, 1 2 the office of children and family services 3 shall provide technical assistance to the 4 program to assist with program pilot 5 administration and timely coordination of б the bi-monthly claiming process. Notwith-7 standing any other provision of law, this 8 pilot program maintained herein may be 9 terminated if the administrator for such 10 program mismanages such program, by engaging in actions including but not limited 11 to, improper use of funds, providing for child care subsidies in excess of the 12 13 amount the subsidy funding appropriated 14 15 herein can support, and failing to submit 16 claims for reimbursement in a timely fash-17 ion 500,000 18 _____ 19 Program account subtotal 256,991,200 20 _____ 21 § 2. Section 1 of chapter 54 of the laws of 2021, enacting the capital projects budget, is amended by repealing the items hereinbelow set forth 22 23 in brackets and by adding to such section the other items underscored in 24 this section. 25 DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL 26 CAPITAL PROJECTS 2021-22 27 ADAPTIVE REUSE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM 100,000,000 28 29 Capital Projects Funds - Other 30 Housing Program Fund 31 Housing Trust Fund Corporation Account - 31851 32 New Facilities Purpose To support the creation of the adaptive 33 reuse affordable housing program to 34 35 finance conversion of commercial properties and hotel properties in the city of 36 New York for the purposes of creating 37 38 permanent affordable residential housing. The amounts appropriated herein may be 39 40 suballocated or transferred to any state 41 department, agency, or public authority 42 for purposes stated herein 100,000,000

43 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to 44 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2021.