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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GALEF, ENGLEBRIGHT, GOTTFRIED, MONTESANO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to grants to assist local governments with reducing paper

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

Section 1. Article 7 of the executive law is amended by adding a new section 171 to read as follows:

§ 171. Grants to local governments for the reduction of paper use. 1. Within the annual amounts appropriated therefor, the secretary of state may award grants on a competitive basis to local governments in order to reduce paper usage and to implement digital alternatives to paper. The secretary of state shall by regulation establish criteria for such competitive grants, which shall at a minimum:

(a) provide that the maximum grant amount shall not exceed ten thousand dollars per local government;

(b) require local matching funds equal to twenty-five percent of the total amount of such grant; and

(c) establish an application, evaluation, and award process for such grant program, which shall be competitive and publicly available.

2. Grants awarded to local governments pursuant to this section may be included in calculations to demonstrate three year cost savings and efficiencies for government efficiency plans submitted to the director of the budget pursuant to subdivisions three and four of section three-d of the general municipal law.

3. For the purposes of this section, the term "local government" shall have the same meaning as in section three-c of the general municipal law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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