STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

June 7, 2021

Introduced by M. of A. WEINSTEIN -- (at request of the Division of the Budget) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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:

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 53 of the laws of 2021, enacting the aid to localities budget, is amended by repealing the items hereinbelow set forth in brackets and by adding to such section the other items 4 underscored in this section.

- 5 DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE 6 OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
- 7 AID TO LOCALITIES 2021-22
- 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
- 15 federal health and human services fund,
- 16 local assistance account, federal day care
- 17 account to operate and support enrollment
- in the child care facilitated enrollment

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

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pilot program which expand access to child care subsidies for working families who live or are employed in Onondaga County with income up to 275 percent of the federal poverty level as provided to the [Consortium for Worker Education] NYS AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute to administer and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and family services. The administrative cost, including the cost of the development of the evaluation of the pilot program shall not exceed ten percent of the funds available for the purpose. The remaining portion of the funds shall be allocated to the office of children and family services to the local social services district where the recipient families reside as determined by the project administrator based on projected need and cost of providing child care subsidies payment to working families enrolled through the pilot initiative, provided however the local social services district shall not reimburse subsidy payment in excess of the amount the subsidy funding appropriated herein can support and the applicable local social services district shall not be required to approve or pay for subsidies not funded herein. Child care subsidies paid on behalf of eligible families shall be reimbursed at the actual cost of care up to the applicable market rate for the district in which the child care is provided and in accordance with the fee schedule of the local social services district making the subsidy payment. Up to ten percent of funds available for this purpose shall be made available to the [Consortium for Worker Education] NYS AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute, other designated administrator, to administer and to implement a plan approved by the office of children and family services for this pilot program. This administrator shall prepare and submit to the office of children and family services, the chairs of the senate committee on social services, the senate committee on children and families, the senate committee on labor, the chairs of the assembly committee on children and families, the assembly committee on social services, and the assembly committee on labor a report on the pilot program with recommendations. Such report shall include

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available information regarding the pilot 1 2 program or participants in the program, including but not limited to: the 3 4 number of income eligible children of 5 working parents with income greater than 6 200 percent but at or less than 275 percent of the federal poverty level, 7 8 of the children served by the 9 program, the number of families served by 10 the program who are in receipt of family 11 parents assistance, the factors that considered when searching for child care, 12 13 the factors that barred the families' 14 access to child care assistance prior to 15 their enrollment in the facilitated 16 enrollment program, the number of families 17 who receive a child care subsidy pursuant to this program who choose to use such 18 19 subsidy for regulated child care, and the 20 number of families who receive a child 21 care subsidy pursuant to this program who 22 choose to use such subsidy to receive 23 child care services provided by a legally exempt provider. Such report shall be 24 submitted by the program administrator, on 25 26 or before November 1, 2021, provided that 27 if such report is not received by November 30, 2021, reimbursement for administrative 28 29 costs shall be either reduced or withheld, 30 and failure of an administrator to submit 31 a timely report may jeopardize such admin-32 istrator's program from receiving funding 33 in future years. The administrator for 34 this pilot program shall submit bimonthly 35 reports to the office of children and 36 family services, the local social services 37 district, the administration for chil-38 dren's services, and the legislature. Each bi-monthly report shall provide without 39 40 benefit of personal identifying informa-41 tion, the pilot program's current enroll-42 ment level, amount of the child's subsidy, 43 co-payment levels, and any other informa-44 tion as needed or required by the office 45 of children and family services. Further, 46 the office of children and family services 47 shall provide technical assistance to the 48 pilot program to assist with program 49 administration and timely coordination of 50 the bi-monthly claiming process. Notwith-51 standing any other provision of law, this 52 pilot program maintained herein may be 53 terminated if the administrator for such 54 program mismanages such program, by engaging in actions including but not limited 55 56 to, improper use of funds, providing for

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amount the subsidy funding appropriated 2 3 herein can support, and failing to submit claims for reimbursement in a timely fash-4 5 ion 500,000 6 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the funds appropriated herein shall be available for transfer to the 7 8 9 federal health and human services fund, 10 local assistance account, federal day care account to operate and support enrollment 11 in the child care facilitated enrollment 12 13 pilot program which expand access to child 14 care subsidies for working families who 15 live or are employed in Erie County with 16 income up to 275 percent of the federal 17 poverty level as provided to the [Consor-18 tium for Worker Education NYS AFL-CIO 19 Workforce Development Institute to admin-20 ister and to implement a plan approved by 21 the office of children and 22 services. The administrative cost, includ-23 ing the cost of the development of the 24 evaluation of the pilot program shall not 25 exceed ten percent of the funds available 26 for the purpose. The remaining portion of 27 the funds shall be allocated to the office 28 of children and family services to the 29 local social services district where the 30 recipient families reside as determined by 31 project administrator based 32 projected need and cost of providing child 33 care subsidies payment to working families enrolled through the pilot initiative, 34 35 provided however the local social services 36 district shall not reimburse subsidy 37 payment in excess of the amount the subsi-38 dy funding appropriated herein can support 39 and the applicable local social services 40 district shall not be required to approve 41 or pay for subsidies not funded herein. 42 Child care subsidies paid on behalf of 43 eligible families shall be reimbursed at 44 the actual cost of care up to the applica-45 ble market rate for the district in which 46 the child care is provided and in accord-47 ance with the fee schedule of the local 48 social services district making the subsi-49 dy payment. Up to ten percent of funds 50 available for this purpose shall be made 51 available to the [Consortium for Worker 52 Education NYS AFL-CIO Workforce Develop-53 ment Institute, or other designated admin-54 istrator, to administer and to implement a 55 plan approved by the office of children 56 and family services for this pilot

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1 program. This administrator shall prepare 2 and submit to the office of children and family services, the chairs of the senate 3 4 committee on social services, the senate 5 committee on children and families, the senate committee on labor, the chairs of 6 7 the assembly committee on children and 8 families, the assembly committee on social 9 services, and the assembly committee on 10 labor a report on the pilot program with 11 recommendations. Such report shall include 12 available information regarding the pilot 13 program or participants in the program, including but not limited to: the 14 15 number of income eligible children of 16 working parents with income greater than 17 200 percent but at or less than 275 percent of the federal poverty level, 18 the children served by the 19 ages of 20 program, the number of families served by 21 the program who are in receipt of family 22 assistance, the factors that parents 23 considered when searching for child care, 24 the factors that barred the families' 25 access to child care assistance prior to 26 their enrollment in the facilitated enrollment program, the number of families 27 who receive a child care subsidy pursuant 28 29 to this program who choose to use such 30 subsidy for regulated child care, and the 31 number of families who receive a child 32 care subsidy pursuant to this program who 33 choose to use such subsidy to receive 34 child care services provided by a legally 35 exempt provider. Such report shall be 36 submitted by the program administrator, on 37 or before November 1, 2021, provided that 38 if such report is not received by November 39 30, 2021, reimbursement for administrative 40 costs shall be either reduced or withheld, 41 and failure of an administrator to submit 42 a timely report may jeopardize such admin-43 istrator's program from receiving funding 44 in future years. The administrator for 45 this pilot program shall submit bimonthly 46 reports to the office of children and 47 family services, the local social services 48 district, the administration for chil-49 dren's services, and the legislature. Each bi-monthly report shall provide without 50 51 benefit of personal identifying informa-52 tion, the pilot program's current enroll-53 ment level, amount of the child's subsidy, 54 co-payment levels, and any other informa-55 tion as needed or required by the office 56 of children and family services. Further,

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   projects budget, is amended by repealing the items hereinbelow set forth
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23 this section.
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                  DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL
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                         CAPITAL PROJECTS
                                           2021-22
26 ADAPTIVE REUSE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM ...... 100,000,000
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     Capital Projects Funds - Other
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     Housing Program Fund
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     Housing Trust Fund Corporation Account - 31851
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     New Facilities Purpose
   To support the creation of the adaptive
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     reuse affordable housing
                                 program to
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     finance conversion of commercial proper-
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     ties and hotel properties in the city of
     New York for the purposes of creating
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     permanent affordable residential housing.
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     The amounts appropriated herein may be
     suballocated or transferred to any state
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     department, agency, or public authority
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     for purposes stated herein ...... 100,000,000
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     § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to
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43 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2021.