

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. ROZIC -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend chapter 53 of the laws of 2021, enacting the aid to localities budget, in relation to supporting refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "securing and assisting vulnerable evacuees (SAVE) act".

§ 2. Recent turmoil in Afghanistan and Ukraine has caused a significant flight of people from both nations, requiring other countries throughout the world to assist in the resettlement of individuals and families who have been displaced through no fault of their own. This bill is intended to allocate adequate funding to support a potential significant increase in the number of refugees that New York state will be taking in as a result of these ongoing situations.

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

SPECIALIZED SERVICES PROGRAM	[2,785,196,000]	<u>2,861,796,000</u>

General Fund

Local Assistance Account - 10000

Special Revenue Funds - Federal

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

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1 Federal Health and Human Services Fund
2 Refugee Resettlement Account - 25160

3 For services related to refugee programs
4 including but not limited to the Cuban-
5 Haitian and refugee resettlement program
6 and the Cuban-Haitian and refugee targeted
7 assistance program provided pursuant to
8 the federal refugee assistance act of 1980
9 as amended.

10 Funds appropriated herein shall be available
11 for aid to municipalities and for payments
12 to the federal government for expenditures
13 made pursuant to the social services law
14 and the state plan for individual and
15 family grant program under the disaster
16 relief act of 1974.

17 Such funds are to be available for payment
18 of aid heretofore accrued or hereafter to
19 accrue to municipalities. Subject to the
20 approval of the director of the budget,
21 such funds shall be available to the
22 office of temporary and disability assist-
23 ance net of disallowances, refunds,
24 reimbursements, and credits.

25 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision
26 of law, funds appropriated herein, subject
27 to the approval of the director of the
28 budget and in accordance with a memorandum
29 of understanding between the office of
30 temporary and disability assistance and
31 any other state agency, may be transferred
32 or suballocated to any other state agency
33 for expenses related to refugee programs.

34 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision
35 of law, and subject to the approval of the
36 director of the budget, the amount appro-
37 priated herein may be increased or
38 decreased through transfer or interchange
39 with any other federal appropriation with-
40 in the office of temporary and disability
41 assistance (52304) 26,000,000

42 For services and expenses of supporting
43 Afghan and Ukrainian refugees. For the
44 purposes of this appropriation, supporting
45 Afghan and Ukrainian refugees shall mean
46 providing assistance for the resettlement
47 of Afghan and Ukrainian refugees who are
48 part of any program established by the
49 federal government for refugees from
50 Afghanistan in light of the Taliban take-
51 over of the country in 2021 and the
52 Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022.
53 Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision
54 of law, this appropriation shall be used
55 for grants in aid or expenses of contracts

with not-for-profit agencies to be determined pursuant to a plan to be developed by the office of temporary and disability assistance and the office for new Americans in the department of state, in consultation with the director of the budget. The funds appropriated herein may be transferred or suballocated to any aid to localities, state operations, or capital appropriation of any state department, agency, or authority to accomplish the intent or purposes stated herein 50,000,000

Program account subtotal [~~26,000,000~~] 76,000,000

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