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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. REYES, HEVESI, MAMDANI, GUNTHER, GRIFFIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to providing internet access to all individuals residing in temporary housing

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

1 Section 1. Section 17 of the social services law is amended by adding  
2 a new subdivision (m) to read as follows:

3 (m) require that each local social services district shall provide  
4 internet access to all individuals residing in temporary housing in such  
5 district. For purposes of this subdivision, temporary housing shall  
6 include but not be limited to, a family shelter, a shelter for adults, a  
7 domestic violence shelter, a runaway and homeless youth shelter, or a  
8 safe house for refugees. Each local social services district shall  
9 submit their plan to provide internet access pursuant to this subdivi-  
10 sion to the department for oversight and approval within thirty days of  
11 the effective date of this act. Shelters shall implement and comply with  
12 such plans within eighteen months of such approval.

13 § 2. Section 153 of the social services law is amended by adding a new  
14 subdivision 13 to read as follows:

15 13. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, one  
16 hundred percent of the cost for the expense incurred for local social  
17 services districts to provide internet access as required by subdivision  
18 (m) of section seventeen of this chapter shall be reimbursed by the  
19 state.

20 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
21 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or  
22 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of  
23 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed  
24 on or before such effective date.

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

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