STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 15, 2021

Introduced by Sen. JORDAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to creating the public/private security camera fund; and making an appropriation therefor

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

Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-ii to read as follows:

§ 99-ii. Public/private security camera fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the state comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance a special fund to be known as the public/private security camera fund.

2. Such fund shall consist of all revenues received from the abandoned property fund pursuant to section ninety-five of this article, from the general fund, and from all other moneys credited or transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law. Such fund shall also receive contributions from private individuals, organizations, or other persons to fulfill the purposes of the public/private security camera fund.

3. The sum of ten million dollars annually shall be used for grants related to providing video surveillance systems for businesses or not-for-profit corporations in high crime areas of the state. The grants shall be distributed pursuant to a plan developed by the commissioner of criminal justice services. Such plan shall consider factors such as the crime rate in the immediate vicinity of the business or not-for-profit corporation, with priority given to small businesses and not-for-profit corporations in areas with high crime rates, the number of employees of the business or not-for-profit corporation, with priority given to small businesses and not-for-profit corporations and the public safety benefits of placing a video surveillance system at such business or not-for-

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

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profit corporation. No business or not-for-profit corporation shall receive more than one thousand dollars in grant money.

4. Upon the showing of good cause, a business or not-for-profit corporation that receives a grant shall provide law enforcement with access to their video surveillance system.

§ 2. The sum of ten million dollars ($10,000,000), is hereby appropriated to the department of audit and control out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the public/private security camera fund, not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of criminal justice services in the manner prescribed by law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.