STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 30, 2021

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

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to reimbursement for certain costs and expenses related to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19

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

1 Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 2 13.44 to read as follows: 3 <u>§ 13.44 Reimbursement costs and expenses related to novel coronavirus,</u> 4 COVID-19. 5 The office, department of health and division of the budget shall 6 authorize voluntary providers of supports and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to bill and be reim-7 8 bursed within thirty days of billing for novel coronavirus, COVID-19 9 related costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, increased 10 staffing and personnel costs, personal protective equipment expenses, 11 and increased residential cost. 12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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