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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. BRISPORT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when
  printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to exempting
  certain income and resources provided to persons enrolled in certain
  poverty programs and research projects in determining eligibility for
  public assistance benefits

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

1   Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section
2   131-y to read as follows:
3   § 131-y. Exemption of income and resources received from poverty
4   research. 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, and to the
5   maximum extent permitted by federal law and regulations, for the
6   purposes of determining eligibility and calculating the amount of bene-
7   fits under any program provided under the authority of this chapter, the
8   department shall exempt and disregard from income and resources, for a
9   period of no more than sixty months, any and all income and resources,
10 including but not limited to financial assistance, wages, cash trans-
11 fers, gifts, or other payments provided to a person who is enrolled in a
12 poverty research program or research project as defined in subdivision
13 two of this section.
14   2. For the purposes of this section, a "poverty research program or
15 research project" means a program or project that: (a) is not funded by
16 the state, (b) is intended to research or investigate the impacts of
17 policies, programs or initiatives designed to reduce poverty, promote
18 social mobility, or increase financial stability for state residents,
19 (c) has developed an explicit plan to collect data and evaluate such
20 policies, programs or initiatives prior to participants being enrolled
21 in the program, and (d) has identified a research team to oversee the
22 evaluation.

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1   § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
2 have become a law. Effective immediately, the adoption, amendment and/or
3 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
4 this act on its effective date is authorized to be made on or before
5 such date.