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Introduced by Sen. REICHLIN-MELNICK -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to enhancing flexibility within the county-wide shared services initiative; and to repeal certain provisions of the general municipal law relating thereto

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 239-bb of the general municipal law, as added by section 1 of part EE of chapter 55 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

2. County-wide shared services panels. a. There shall be a county-wide shared services panel in each county consisting of the county CEO, and one representative from each city, town [~~and~~], village **and school district** in the county. The chief executive officer of each town, city and village shall be the representative to a panel and shall be the mayor, if a city or a village, or shall be the supervisor, if a town. **In the case of a school district, a representative shall be elected by majority vote of the school board to serve as the representative of such school district.** The county CEO shall serve as chair. All panels established in each county pursuant to part BBB of chapter fifty-nine of the laws of two thousand seventeen, and prior to the enactment of this article, shall continue in satisfaction of this section in such form as they were established, provided that the county CEO may alter the membership of the panel consistent with paragraph b of this subdivision.

b. The county CEO may invite any [~~school district,~~] board of cooperative educational services, fire district, fire protection district, or special improvement district in the county to join a panel. Upon such invitation, the governing body of such [~~school district,~~] board of cooperative educational services, fire district, fire protection district, or other special district may accept such invitation by selecting a

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

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representative of such governing body, by majority vote, to serve as a member of the panel. Such [~~school district,~~] board of cooperative educational services, fire district, fire protection district or other special district shall maintain such representation until the panel either approves a plan or transmits a statement to the secretary of state on the reason the panel did not approve a plan, pursuant to paragraph d of subdivision seven of this section. Upon approval of a plan or a transmission of a statement to the secretary of state that a panel did not approve a plan in any calendar year, the county CEO may, but need not, invite any [~~school district,~~] board of cooperative educational services, fire district, fire protection district or special improvement district in the county to join a panel thereafter convened.

§ 2. Subdivision 8 of section 239-bb of the general municipal law, as added by section 1 of part EE of chapter 55 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

8. For each county, new shared services actions [~~not included~~] in [~~a previously~~] **an** approved and submitted plan pursuant to this section or part BBB of chapter fifty-nine of the laws of two thousand seventeen, may be eligible for funding to match savings from such action, subject to available appropriation. Savings that are actually and demonstrably realized by the participating local governments are eligible for matching funding. For actions that are part of an approved plan transmitted to the secretary of state in accordance with paragraph b of subdivision seven of this section, savings achieved [~~from~~] **during either: (i)** January first through December thirty-first from new actions implemented on or after January first through December thirty-first of the year immediately following an approved [~~and transmitted~~] plan**, or (ii) July first of the year immediately following an approved plan through June thirtieth of the subsequent year from new actions implemented July first of the year immediately following an approved plan through June thirtieth of the subsequent year** may be eligible for matching funding. Only net savings between local governments for each action would be eligible for matching funding. Savings from internal efficiencies or any other action taken by a local government without the participation of another local government are not eligible for matching funding. Each county and all of the local governments within the county that are part of any action to be implemented as part of an approved plan must collectively apply for the matching funding and agree on the distribution and use of any matching funding in order to qualify for matching funding. **Each county shall be authorized to submit one consolidated application for matching funds for each approved and transmitted plan. All actions from a plan for which matching funds will be requested shall adhere to the same twelve-month period beginning either January first or July first. The secretary of state shall develop the application with any necessary requirements for receipt of state matching funds.**

§ 3. Subdivision 11 of section 239-bb of the general municipal law is REPEALED.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.