STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance -- recommitted to the Committee on Finance in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend chapter 53 of the laws of 2021, enacting the aid to localities budget, in relation to supporting refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "securing and assisting vulnerable evacuees (SAVE) act".

§ 2. Recent turmoil in Afghanistan and Ukraine has caused a significant flight of people from both nations, requiring other countries throughout the world to assist in the resettlement of individuals and families who have been displaced through no fault of their own. This bill is intended to allocate adequate funding to support a potential significant increase in the number of refugees that New York state will be taking in as a result of these ongoing situations.

§ 3. Section 1 of chapter 53 of the laws of 2021, enacting the aid to localities budget, is amended by repealing the items herein below set forth in brackets and by adding to such section the other items underscored in this section:

SPECIALIZED SERVICES PROGRAM ..... [~~2,785,196,000~~] 2,861,796,000

General Fund
Local Assistance Account - 10000

Special Revenue Funds - Federal

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

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Federal Health and Human Services Fund
Refugee Resettlement Account - 25160

For services related to refugee programs including but not limited to the Cuban-Haitian and refugee resettlement program and the Cuban-Haitian and refugee targeted assistance program provided pursuant to the federal refugee assistance act of 1980 as amended.
Funds appropriated herein shall be available for aid to municipalities and for payments to the federal government for expenditures made pursuant to the social services law and the state plan for individual and family grant program under the disaster relief act of 1974.
Such funds are to be available for payment of aid heretofore accrued or hereafter to accrue to municipalities. Subject to the approval of the director of the budget, such funds shall be available to the office of temporary and disability assistance net of disallowances, refunds, reimbursements, and credits.
Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, funds appropriated herein, subject to the approval of the director of the budget and in accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the office of temporary and disability assistance and any other state agency, may be transferred or suballocated to any other state agency for expenses related to refugee programs.
Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, and subject to the approval of the director of the budget, the amount appropriated herein may be increased or decreased through transfer or interchange with any other federal appropriation within the office of temporary and disability assistance (52304) 26,000,000
For services and expenses of supporting Afghan and Ukrainian refugees. For the purposes of this appropriation, supporting Afghan and Ukrainian refugees shall mean providing assistance for the resettlement of Afghan and Ukrainian refugees who are part of any program established by the federal government for refugees from Afghanistan in light of the Taliban take-over of the country in 2021 and the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, this appropriation shall be used for grants in aid or expenses of contracts

with not-for-profit agencies to be determined pursuant to a plan to be developed by the office of temporary and disability assistance and the office for new Americans in the department of state, in consultation with the director of the budget. The funds appropriated herein may be transferred or suballocated to any aid to localities, state operations, or capital appropriation of any state department, agency, or authority to accomplish the intent or purposes stated herein 50,000,000

Program account subtotal .... [~~26,000,000~~] 76,000,000

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2021.