STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 7, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to the attorney general entering into contracts with fair housing entities and providing certain reports, and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the real property law and the state finance law relating to establishing the anti-discrimination in housing fund and allocating moneys from fines thereto, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 945-B and A. 6866, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 3 and 4 of section 80-a of the state finance law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the real property law and the state finance law relating to establishing the anti-discrimination in housing fund and allocating moneys from fines thereto, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 945-B and A. 6866, are amended and a new subdivision 6 is added to read as follows:

3. The moneys in the anti-discrimination in housing fund shall be kept separate from and shall not be commingled with any other moneys in the custody of the state comptroller. Such moneys shall be made available to the office of the attorney general, for fair housing testing [~~and~~] **through** allocation of grants to duly applying county, city, town or village human rights commissions, or other duly applying county, city, town, village or not-for-profit [~~agencies~~] **entities** specializing in the prevention of unlawful discrimination in housing**, to detect unlawful discrimination in housing**.

4. The attorney general shall establish the application criteria **and qualifications** for [~~such not-for-profit agencies~~] **the entities** for the purposes of the fund as defined in **subdivision three of** this section **that will conduct testing. The attorney general may enter into contracts with such qualified fair housing entities which may thereafter be renewed, extended or succeeded by new contracts from year to year in the discretion of the attorney general**.

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

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6. No later than the fifteenth day of January of each year the attorney general shall report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly on activities undertaken by the attorney general and any grantee pursuant to this section in the preceding year. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the current amount of funds available as well as the amount of money granted to any entity that will conduct testing to detect unlawful discrimination in housing for the purposes identified in this section. Results, data, findings, and other relevant information existing, collected, detected, modified or developed by the attorney general or grantee under this section shall be provided in such annual report following the completion of the obligations in the contract.

§ 2. Section 3 of a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the real property law and the state finance law relating to establishing the anti-discrimination in housing fund and allocating moneys from fines thereto, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 945-B and A. 6866, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the [~~sixtieth~~] **thirtieth** day after it shall have become a law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided however that section one of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2021 amending the real property law and the state finance law relating to establishing the anti-discrimination in housing fund and allocating moneys from fines thereto, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 945-B and A. 6866, takes effect.