

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 20, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. TANNOUSIS -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to directing the
comptroller to examine and audit appropriations and contracts for
short-term humanitarian aid including shelter services to migrant
individuals and families

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

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds that the
2 state of New York and the city of New York have a migrant crisis and
3 that as the city of New York distributes funding for the relief of this
4 migrant crisis, such funds should have oversight from the comptroller of
5 the state of New York on how such funding is spent.

6 § 2. Section 8 of the state finance law is amended by adding two new
7 subdivisions 21 and 22 to read as follows:

8 21. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, examine and
9 audit all funds appropriated for humanitarian aid, including short-term
10 shelter services, to migrant individuals and families, including costs
11 associated with humanitarian emergency response and relief centers for
12 migrant individuals entering short-term shelters on or after April
13 first, two thousand twenty-two in the city of New York, and including
14 public assistance benefits and/or other benefits provided to migrant
15 individuals and families. Upon thorough examination, audit, and iden-
16 tification or proportionality of distributions, make a report to the
17 legislature containing said findings prior to the convening of its annu-
18 al session and make such report available to the public on the state
19 comptroller's website.

20 22. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, examine and
21 audit all contracts entered into by the city of New York for humanitari-
22 an aid, including short-term shelter services, to migrant individuals
23 and families, including contracts associated with humanitarian emergency
24 response and relief centers for migrant individuals entering short-term
25 shelters on or after April first, two thousand twenty-two in the city of
26 New York, and including contracts for public assistance benefits and/or

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

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3 distributions, make a report to the legislature containing said findings
4 prior to the convening of its annual session and make such report avail-
5 able to the public on the state comptroller's website.

6 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.