STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 26, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing a public safety youth explorer program grants fund

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

Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-r to read as follows:

§ 99-r. Public safety youth explorer program grants fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the commissioner of taxation and finance and the comptroller, a special fund to be known as the "public safety youth explorer program grants fund".

2. Such fund shall consist of moneys appropriated thereto and moneys transferred from any other fund or sources. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the state from receiving grants, gifts or bequests for the purposes of the fund as defined in this section and depositing them into the fund according to law. Any interest received by the comptroller on moneys on deposit in such fund shall be retained in and become part of such fund.

3. Moneys in such fund shall be expended only to provide grants to state and local law enforcement agencies, and professional and volunteer fire departments within the state for the purposes of covering non-payroll expenses associated with hosting youth explorer programs which provide youths with an opportunity to experience working in a public safety field on a part-time temporary basis to get a sense of whether they would like to pursue it as a career. The commissioner of the division of criminal justice services in conjunction with the state fire administrator shall promulgate all necessary rules and regulations to establish and award public safety youth explorer program grants.

4. Moneys shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner of the division of criminal justice services.

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

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5. To the extent practicable, the commissioner of the division of criminal justice services shall ensure that all moneys received during a fiscal year are expended prior to the end of that fiscal year.

6. On or before the first day of February each year, the commissioner of the division of criminal justice services shall provide a written report to the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the senate finance committee, the chair of the assembly ways and means committee, the chair of the senate committee on local government, the chair of the assembly local government committee, the state comptroller and the public. Such report shall include how the moneys of the fund were utilized during the preceding calendar year, and shall include:

(a) the amount of moneys disbursed from the fund and the award process used for such disbursements;

(b) recipients of awards from the fund;

(c) the amount awarded to each;

(d) the purposes for which such awards were granted; and

(e) a summary financial plan for such moneys which shall include estimates of all receipts and all disbursements for the current and succeeding fiscal years, along with the actual results from the prior fiscal year.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.