

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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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:

1 Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section
2 99-r to read as follows:

3 § 99-r. Public safety youth explorer program grants fund. 1. There is
4 hereby established in the joint custody of the commissioner of taxation
5 and finance and the comptroller, a special fund to be known as the
6 "public safety youth explorer program grants fund".

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

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

24 4. Moneys shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of
25 the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner
26 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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1 5. To the extent practicable, the commissioner of the division of
2 criminal justice services shall ensure that all moneys received during a
3 fiscal year are expended prior to the end of that fiscal year.

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

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

15 (b) recipients of awards from the fund;

16 (c) the amount awarded to each;

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

18 (e) a summary financial plan for such moneys which shall include esti-
19 mates of all receipts and all disbursements for the current and succeed-
20 ing fiscal years, along with the actual results from the prior fiscal
21 year.

22 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.