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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the New York state youth sports initiative 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-qq to read as follows:

3 § 99-qq. New York state youth sports initiative grants fund. 1. A
4 special fund to be known as the "New York state youth sports initiative
5 grants fund" is hereby established in the custody of the state comp-
6 troller and the commissioner of education.

7 2. The fund shall consist of all monies appropriated for its purpose,
8 all monies transferred to such fund pursuant to law, all monies required
9 by this section or any other provision of law to be paid into or credit-
10 ed to the fund and any interest earnings which may accrue from the
11 investment of monies in the fund. Nothing contained herein shall prevent
12 the comptroller or commissioner of education from receiving grants,
13 gifts or bequests for the purposes of the fund as defined in this
14 section and depositing them into the fund according to law.

15 3. Monies of the fund, when allocated, shall be available to make
16 grants to eligible not-for-profit youth sports organizations. Not-for-
17 profit youth sports organizations shall be chosen by the commissioner of
18 education for such grants based on criteria established by the commis-
19 sioner of education for such purpose.

20 4. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of
21 the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner
22 of education.

23 5. The commissioner of education shall promulgate any rules and regu-
24 lations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

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

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1 6. Additionally, the commissioner of education shall submit a report
2 to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker
3 of the assembly, prior to, but in no event later than, December thirty-
4 first, in the year following the effective date of this section, and
5 annually thereafter, which shall include, but not be limited to:

6 (a) financial reports of the grants fund operations established pursu-
7 ant to this section;

8 (b) an analysis of the grants fund's ability to provide such youth
9 sports initiative grants;

10 (c) recommendations on the continuation of such grants and the need
11 for fund expansion, if appropriate;

12 (d) profiles of the grant recipients; and

13 (e) other information deemed necessary by the commissioner of educa-
14 tion.

15 7. (a) No applicant for a grant provided for under this section shall
16 knowingly: (i) make a false statement or representation concerning a
17 material fact; (ii) submit false information concerning a material fact;
18 or (iii) conceal a material fact, on an application to obtain a grant
19 provided for under this section.

20 (b) Any applicant who is found by the commissioner of education, after
21 notice and a hearing, to have received a grant provided for under this
22 section based upon an application which violated paragraph (a) of this
23 subdivision shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed two
24 hundred fifty dollars.

25 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.