

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 3, 2024

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to requiring the commissioner of housing and community renewal to develop a common application and web portal for certain public assistance, funding, tax credits, and grants for housing

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

1 Section 1. The public housing law is amended by adding a new section
2 14-a to read as follows:

3 § 14-a. Housing assistance application and web portal. 1. The commis-
4 sioner, in consultation with the office of temporary and disability
5 assistance and any other state agency that the commissioner deems neces-
6 sary, shall cause to be developed a common application and web portal
7 with which an individual may apply for and manage any public assistance,
8 funding, tax credit, or grant for housing that such individual is enti-
9 tled to receive under the laws of the state, and that is capable of
10 meeting all other requirements of this section.

11 2. (a) The common application developed pursuant to this section shall
12 be made available to an individual upon request from a state agency that
13 grants public assistance, funding, tax credits, or grants for housing.
14 Such application shall also be capable of being completed and submitted
15 by an applicant on the web portal created pursuant to this section.

16 (b) The web portal required to be developed pursuant to this section
17 shall be accessible by any state agency required to administer any
18 public assistance, funding, tax credit, or grant for housing required of
19 such state agency under the laws of the state, and any such public
20 assistance, funding, tax credit, or grant for housing shall be made
21 capable of administration through such web portal.

22 (c) Upon development of the web portal by the commissioner, any state
23 agency required to administer any public assistance, funding, tax cred-
24 it, or grant for housing under the laws of the state shall upload any

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

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1 incorporating documents, bylaws, or any other relevant information that
2 such state agency deems helpful to individuals using such web portal.

3 3. The provisions of this section shall apply only to statewide public
4 assistance, funding, tax credits, or grants for housing, and shall not
5 include any locally managed public assistance, funding, tax credit, or
6 grant for housing.

7 4. The commissioner shall have the authority to obtain any information
8 the commissioner shall deem necessary to fulfill the provisions of this
9 section from any state agency.

10 5. For the purposes of this section, the term "state agency" shall
11 mean any state agency, department, commission, division, office, bureau,
12 or subdivision thereof.

13 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
14 it shall have become a law.