STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 8, 2024

Introduced by Sen. ASHBY -- 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 the role of the commissioner of veterans' services in regards to the veterans' home assistance fund and the military family relief fund

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 81 of the state finance law, subdivision 5 as amended by section 1 of part J of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017 and subdivision 7 as added by chapter 432 of the laws of 2016, are amended to read as follows:

5. Moneys shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner of [~~health~~] **veterans' services**, for veterans' homes operated by the department of health, and by the chancellor of the state university of New York, for the veterans' home operated by the state university of New York.

7. On or before the first of February each year, the commissioner of [~~health~~] **veterans' services** shall provide a written report to the temporary president of the senate, speaker of the assembly, chair of the senate finance committee, chair of the assembly ways and means committee, chair of the senate committee on health, chair of the assembly health committee, the state comptroller and the public. Such report shall include how the monies of the fund were utilized during the preceding calendar year and shall include:

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

(b) the 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 monies 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.

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

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§ 2. Subdivision 4 of section 89-i of the state finance law, as added by chapter 374 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

4. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner of [~~taxation and finance~~] veterans' services.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.