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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to grants for geriatric emergency departments; and in relation to grants from the health care facility transformation program

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "age-
2 friendly health system enhancement act of 2024".

3 § 2. Subdivision 8 of section 2825-g of the public health law, as
4 added by section 1 of part K of chapter 57 of the laws of 2022, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 8. Selection of awards made by the department pursuant to subdivisions
7 three, four, five, six and seven of this section shall be contingent on
8 an evaluation process acceptable to the commissioner and approved by the
9 director of the division of the budget. Disbursement of awards may be
10 contingent on the health care provider as defined in subdivision two of
11 this section achieving certain process and performance metrics and mile-
12 stones that are structured to ensure that the goals of the project are
13 achieved. Such evaluation process shall include a preference for enti-
14 ties that are designated as "age-friendly" by the Institute for Health-
15 care Improvement (IHI).

16 § 3. Subdivision 5 of section 2825-h of the public health law, as
17 added by section 1 of part P of chapter 57 of the laws of 2023, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 5. Selection of awards made by the department pursuant to subdivisions
20 three and four of this section shall be contingent on an evaluation
21 process acceptable to the commissioner and approved by the director of
22 the division of the budget. Disbursement of awards shall be conditioned
23 on the awardee achieving certain process and performance metrics and
24 milestones as determined by the commissioner. Such metrics and mile-

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

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1 stones shall be structured to ensure that the goals of the project are
2 achieved, and such metrics and milestones shall be included in grant
3 disbursement agreements or other contractual documents as required by
4 the commissioner. Such evaluation process shall include a preference for
5 entities that are designated as "age-friendly" by the Institute for
6 Healthcare Improvement (IHI).

7 § 4. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2831 to
8 read as follows:

9 § 2831. Geriatric emergency departments. Subject to an appropriation
10 therefor, the commissioner shall award accredited level one geriatric
11 emergency departments in the state a grant of five hundred thousand
12 dollars per year for three years.

13 § 5. Subdivision 1 of section 206 of the public health law is amended
14 by adding a new paragraph (w) to read as follows:

15 (w) establish, in conjunction with the office for the aging, a center
16 for technical assistance in relation to age-friendly health systems.
17 Such center shall be a public-private entity and shall utilize outside
18 entities including the Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

19 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
20 the implementation of the provisions of section four of this act shall
21 be subject to the appropriation of moneys specifically for the purposes
22 thereof.