STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 11, 2023

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to exempting certain income and resources provided to persons enrolled in certain pilot programs with direct cash transfers in determining eligibility for public assistance benefits

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

Section 1. Subparagraph (x) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 8 of section 131-a of the social services law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2022 amending the social services law relating to exempting certain income and resources provided to persons enrolled in certain pilot programs with direct cash transfers in determining eligibility for public assistance benefits, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 5759-B and A. 6709-B, is amended to read as follows.

[~~(x)~~] **(xi)** Any financial assistance received by individuals as part of their participation in a pilot program that has developed a plan to study and evaluate the impact and potential benefits of direct cash transfers. Such exemption and disregard shall be applicable for the length of time the individual participates in the program, but not longer than sixty months. [~~The commissioner shall seek federal waiver authority to disregard income for the direct cash transfer pilot program for the purpose of the supplemental nutrition assistance program.~~]

§ 2. Section 36-a of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

4. The commissioner shall seek any federal waiver or waivers from the United States department of agriculture that may be necessary to exclude income provided to an individual as part of their participation in a pilot program authorized under section one hundred thirty-one-a of this chapter for supplemental nutrition assistance program eligibility determination purposes.

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

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§ 3. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2022 amending the social services law relating to exempting certain income and resources provided to persons enrolled in certain pilot programs with direct cash transfers in determining eligibility for public assistance benefits, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 5759-B and A. 6709-B, takes effect.