STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 16, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the public housing law and chapter 53 of the laws of 2024, enacting the aid to localities budget, in relation to authorizing funding that would affirmatively further fair housing including client intake and enforcement actions not directly tied to fair housing testing

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 600 of the public housing law, as added by chapter 690 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

2. The commissioner and all covered housing agencies shall administer all such programs and activities related to housing and community development in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing and shall cooperate with the commissioner to further such purpose. **Any funding appropriated to any covered housing agency for fair housing testing shall include any services and expenses that further the purposes of this section including but not limited to client intake and enforcement actions not directly tied to fair housing testing.**

§ 2. Section 1 of chapter 53 of the laws of 2024, enacting the aid to localities budget, is amended by repealing the items herein below set forth in brackets and by adding to such section the other items underscored in this section:

DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL

AID TO LOCALITIES 2024-25

FAIR HOUSING TESTING

General Fund
Local Assistance Account - 10000

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

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For services and expenses of fair housing testing**, including but not be limited to services and expenses that would result in affirmatively furthering fair housing pursuant to section 600 of the public housing law such as client intake and enforcement actions not directly tied to fair housing testing**. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, funds appropriated herein may be suballocated or transferred to any aid to localities, state operations, or capital appropriation of any state department, agency, or public authority for the purposes stated herein (31498) 2,000,000

For additional funding for the services and expenses of fair housing testing**, including but not be limited to services and expenses that would result in affirmatively furthering fair housing pursuant to section 600 of the public housing law such as client intake and enforcement actions not directly tied to fair housing testing**. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, funds appropriated herein may be suballocated or transferred to any aid to localities, state operations, or capital appropriation of any state department, agency, or public authority for the purposes stated herein 2,000,000

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§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.