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Introduced by M. of A. HEVESI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to making family homelessness and eviction prevention supplement ("FHEPS") vouchers available to migrant youth

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

Section 1. Section 131-bb of the social services law, as added by chapter 666 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

§ 131-bb. Family homelessness and eviction prevention supplement program. **1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for a local social services district with a population of five million or more, the commissioner shall designate such local social services district to make vouchers available to eligible families under the family homelessness and eviction prevention supplement ("FHEPS") program, and to administer the program in accordance with a plan approved pursuant to 18 N.Y.C.R.R. § 352.3(a)(3), provided however, that the maximum rent for such vouchers shall be set at the United States department of housing and urban development's fair market rent level.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, vouchers provided under the family homelessness and eviction prevention supplement ("FHEPS") program under subdivision one of this section shall be made available to eligible runaway and homeless youth under the age of twenty-five who are receiving, or who have previously received, services under section five hundred thirty-two-d of the executive law. Such voucher program shall pay the full rent for undocumented youth, and partial rent for documented youth who have stable employment as determined by the commissioner, who are otherwise eligible under this subdivision. Such voucher program shall be administered by the commissioner in accordance with a plan approved pursuant to 18 N.Y.C.R.R. §

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

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352.3(a)(3), provided however, that the maximum rent for such vouchers shall be set at the United States department of housing and urban development's fair market rent level.

3. The state shall reimburse the local social services district for payments made under the FHEPS program in a manner consistent with title two of this article.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.