STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 21, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. BICHOTTE HERMELYN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law and the public officers law, in relation to childcare and dependent care reimbursement for volunteer members of public bodies

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

Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 72-s to read as follows:

§ 72-s. Childcare and dependent care reimbursement for volunteer members of public bodies. 1. For purposes of this section, "public body" shall have the same meaning as such term is defined in section one hundred two of the public officers law.

2. Volunteer members of a public body shall be reimbursed for actual childcare and dependent care expenses incurred during the performance of the volunteer member's duties serving on such public body, including but not limited to time spent attending regular or special meetings of such public body.

3. Upon the discharge of the volunteer member's official duties, if applicable, a volunteer member of a public body shall submit documentation of the costs of childcare or dependent care expenses incurred during the performance of their duties to the appropriate public officer or other person designated to receive documentation for financial reimbursement or the municipality or political subdivision which oversees such public body or appoints its members.

§ 2. Section 64 of the public officers law is amended to read as follows:

§ 64. Payment of expenses of public officers. Every public officer who is not allowed any compensation for [~~his~~] **their** services shall be paid [~~his~~] **their** actual expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of [~~his~~] **their** official duties**, including childcare and dependent care expenses pursuant to section seventy-two-s of the general municipal law**.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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