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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to earned income contributions by homeless families receiving temporary housing assistance in Westchester county; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Section 131-a of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 16 to read as follows:

16. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, a homeless family household with dependent children applying for or receiving temporary housing assistance in Westchester county shall not be required to contribute any earned income to room and board, or to eliminate their need for temporary housing assistance, or as a condition to receive temporary housing assistance from such provider. For the purposes of this subdivision, any Westchester county provider of temporary housing assistance or short-term housing shall include, but not be limited to, a family shelter, a hotel, an emergency apartment, a domestic violence shelter, or a transitional unit.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as permitting the state to reimburse Westchester county for temporary housing for homeless families with earned income at a rate of less than one hundred percent, and shall be treated as if Westchester county were still obtaining contributions from these households.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as creating any additional requirement for Westchester county to provide temporary housing assistance or short-term housing.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed two years after such date.

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

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