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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to requiring the return of all or a part of the financial assistance provided for a project where the project has material shortfalls or material violations and preventing the use of funds, financial incentives, subsidies or tax exemptions for projects already in development

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 11 of section 874 of the general municipal law,
2 as added by chapter 563 of the laws of 2015, is amended and a new subdivi-
3 sion 13 is added to read as follows:

4 (11) Each agency shall develop policies for the return of all or a
5 part of the financial assistance provided for the project, including all
6 or part of the amount of any tax exemptions, as specified in the policy,
7 which may include but shall not be limited to material shortfalls in job
8 creation and retention projections or material violations of the terms
9 and conditions of project agreements. The agency shall implement such
10 policies created in accordance with this subdivision to return all or
11 part of the financial assistance provided for any project where the
12 agency's annual assessment of a project shows material shortfalls in job
13 creation and retention projections or material violations of the terms
14 and conditions of project agreements as defined by the agency's policy.
15 If the agency deviates from its policy on any project, the agency must
16 draft a resolution, note the deviation in the project's page in the
17 public authorities reporting information system (PARIS) report, and
18 retain record of such determination including a detailed explanation in
19 agency files. The agency shall also post such resolution and explanation
20 on their website. All such returned amounts of tax exemptions shall be
21 redistributed to the appropriate affected tax jurisdiction, unless
22 agreed to otherwise by any local taxing jurisdiction.

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

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1 (13) Except where a significant increase in project costs is discov-
2 ered during the development of the project or where a municipality has
3 reassessed all or part of the project site resulting in a significant
4 increase in property taxes, no tax exemptions shall be granted to any
5 project if the project is already in development at the time such
6 project applies for the issuance of the tax exemption.

7 § 2. Section 854 of the general municipal law is amended by adding a
8 new subdivision 22 to read as follows:

9 (22) "In development" - shall mean a project for which active
10 construction, and erection of building foundations or structure has
11 already commenced and all required permits have been issued.

12 § 3. Section 862 of the general municipal law is amended by adding a
13 new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

14 (3) Except where a significant increase in project costs is discovered
15 during the development of the project or where a municipality has reas-
16 sessed all or part of the project site resulting in a significant
17 increase in property taxes, no funds, financial incentives or subsidies
18 of the agency shall be used in respect of any project which is already
19 in development at the time such project applies for such funds, finan-
20 cial assistance, incentives or subsidies.

21 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.