STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 17, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing a universal benefits form for individuals seeking public assistance

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

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 152-e to read as follows:

§ 152-e. Universal benefits form. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the office of temporary and disability assistance shall establish a universal application form to be used by individuals applying for public assistance benefits. Such form shall be used to determine eligibility for all benefits administered by the office.

2. Such universal benefits form shall list all information and questions on such form in a manner that would permit eligibility for all public assistance benefits administered by the office of temporary and disability assistance, as may be appropriate, or required by law, rule or regulation.

3. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, local social services districts shall provide all applicants for public assistance with the universal benefits form.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, subsequent to the effective date of this section, the office of temporary and disability assistance shall review the universal benefits form, not less than once every six months, and shall add any additional information to the form as may be appropriate or required by law, rule or regulation.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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