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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing a user-friendly benefits cliff calculator tool

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 98 to read as follows:

§ 98. Benefits cliff calculator. The department shall integrate a user-friendly benefits cliff calculator tool that allows users to understand how changes to gross income can affect eligibility for public assistance programs and long-term financial self-sufficiency and sustainability into the department's public assistance outreach and support efforts, to ensure that all state and local employees who are directly responsible for assisting individuals in applying or reapplying for public assistance benefits have access to the benefits cliff calculator tool and are properly trained on the use of the benefits cliff calculator tool and its functions, to make the benefits cliff calculator tool easily accessible on the department's website, and to submit a report on efforts to fulfill the requirements of this section to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly no later than November first, two thousand twenty-six.

§ 2. 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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