STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 27, 2026

Introduced by Sen. PERSAUD -- (at request of the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend chapter 436 of the laws of 1997 amending the social services law and other such law relating to enacting The Welfare Reform Act of 1997, in relation to changing the name of the office of temporary and disability assistance to the office of economic security

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

Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subdivision (a) of section 122 of part B of chapter 436 of the laws of 1997 amending the social services law and other such law relating to enacting The Welfare Reform Act of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

(2) the office of [~~temporary and disability assistance~~] economic security.

§ 2. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, wherever the term "office of temporary and disability assistance" appears in the consolidated or unconsolidated laws or regulations of this state, such term shall be deemed to mean "office of economic security".

§ 3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, wherever the term "commissioner of temporary and disability assistance" appears in the consolidated or unconsolidated laws or regulations of this state, such term shall be deemed to mean "commissioner of economic security".

§ 4. Terms occurring in laws, contracts, publications, guidance and other documents. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, whenever the former department of social services or office of temporary and disability assistance is referred to or designated in any law, contract, publication, guidance, or document pertaining to the functions, powers, obligations and duties of that department transferred by chapter 436 of the laws of 1997 to the office of temporary and disability assistance, such reference or designation shall be deemed to refer to the office of economic security or the commissioner thereof.

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

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§ 5. Existing rights and remedies preserved. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no existing right or remedy of any character shall be lost, impaired or affected by reason of this act.

§ 6. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or section contained in this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part contained in any part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such invalid provisions had not been included herein.

§ 7. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.