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Introduced by Sens. BAILEY, COMRIE, COONEY, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, PARKER, PERSAUD, SALAZAR, STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the New York state youth sports initiative grants fund

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

Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-ss to read as follows:

§ 99-ss. New York state youth sports initiative grants fund. 1. A special fund to be known as the "New York state youth sports initiative grants fund" is hereby established in the custody of the state comptroller and the commissioner of children and family services.

2. The fund shall consist of all monies appropriated for its purpose, all monies transferred to such fund pursuant to law, all monies required by this section or any other provision of law to be paid into or credited to the fund and any interest earnings which may accrue from the investment of monies in the fund. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the comptroller or commissioner of children and family services from receiving grants, gifts or bequests for the purposes of the fund as defined in this section and depositing them into the fund according to law.

3. Monies of the fund, when allocated, shall be available to make grants to eligible not-for-profit youth sports organizations. Not-for-profit youth sports organizations shall be chosen by the commissioner of children and family services for such grants based on criteria established by the commissioner of children and family services for such purpose.

4. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner of children and family services.

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

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5. The commissioner of children and family services shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

6. Additionally, the commissioner of children and family services shall submit a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly, prior to, but in no event later than, December thirty-first, in the year following the effective date of this section, and annually thereafter, which shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) financial reports of the grants fund operations established pursuant to this section;

(b) an analysis of the grants fund's ability to provide such youth sports initiative grants;

(c) recommendations on the continuation of such grants and the need for fund expansion, if appropriate;

(d) profiles of the grant recipients; and

(e) other information deemed necessary by the commissioner of education.

7. (a) No applicant for a grant provided for under this section shall knowingly: (i) make a false statement or representation concerning a material fact; (ii) submit false information concerning a material fact; or (iii) conceal a material fact, on an application to obtain a grant provided for under this section.

(b) Any applicant who is found by the commissioner of children and family services, after notice and an administrative hearing, to have received a grant provided for under this section based upon an application which violated paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.