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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:

1 Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section
2 99-ss to read as follows:

3 § 99-ss. New York state youth sports initiative grants fund. 1. A
4 special fund to be known as the "New York state youth sports initiative
5 grants fund" is hereby established in the custody of the state comp-
6 troller and the commissioner of children and family services.

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

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

22 4. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of
23 the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner
24 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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1 5. The commissioner of children and family services shall promulgate
2 any rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this
3 section.

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

10 (a) financial reports of the grants fund operations established pursu-
11 ant to this section;

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

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

16 (d) profiles of the grant recipients; and

17 (e) other information deemed necessary by the commissioner of educa-
18 tion.

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

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

29 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.