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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- 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 the role of the
commissioner of veterans' services in regards to the veterans' home
assistance fund and the military family relief fund

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 81 of the state finance
2 law, subdivision 5 as amended by section 1 of part J of chapter 59 of
3 the laws of 2017 and subdivision 7 as added by chapter 432 of the laws
4 of 2016, are amended to read as follows:

5 5. Moneys shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of
6 the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner
7 of ~~health~~ veterans' services, for veterans' homes operated by the
8 department of health, and by the chancellor of the state university of
9 New York, for the veterans' home operated by the state university of New
10 York.

11 7. On or before the first of February each year, the commissioner of
12 ~~health~~ veterans' services shall provide a written report to the tempo-
13 rary president of the senate, speaker of the assembly, chair of the
14 senate finance committee, chair of the assembly ways and means commit-
15 tee, chair of the senate committee on health, chair of the assembly
16 health committee, the state comptroller and the public. Such report
17 shall include how the monies of the fund were utilized during the
18 preceding calendar year and shall include:

19 (a) the amount of money dispersed from the fund and the award process
20 used for such disbursements;

21 (b) the recipients of awards from the fund;

22 (c) the amount awarded to each;

23 (d) the purposes for which such awards were granted; and

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

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1 (e) a summary financial plan for such monies which shall include esti-
2 mates of all receipts and all disbursements for the current and succeed-
3 ing fiscal years, along with the actual results from the prior fiscal
4 year.

5 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 89-i of the state finance law, as added
6 by chapter 374 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

7 4. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of
8 the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner
9 of [~~taxation and finance~~] veterans' services.

10 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.