

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MAYER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to earned income contributions by homeless families receiving temporary housing assistance in Westchester county; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Section 131-a of the social services law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 16 to read as follows:

3 16. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule or regulation
4 to the contrary, a homeless family household with dependent children
5 applying for or receiving temporary housing assistance in Westchester
6 county shall not be required to contribute any earned income to room and
7 board, or to eliminate their need for temporary housing assistance, or
8 as a condition to receive temporary housing assistance from such provid-
9 er. For the purposes of this subdivision, any Westchester county provid-
10 er of temporary housing assistance or short-term housing shall include,
11 but not be limited to, a family shelter, a hotel, an emergency apart-
12 ment, a domestic violence shelter, or a transitional unit.

13 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as permitting the state
14 to reimburse Westchester county for temporary housing for homeless fami-
15 lies with earned income at a rate of less than one hundred percent, and
16 shall be treated as if Westchester county were still obtaining contrib-
17 utions from these households.

18 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as creating any addi-
19 tional requirement for Westchester county to provide temporary housing
20 assistance or short-term housing.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
22 ing the date on which it shall have become a law and shall expire and be
23 deemed repealed two years after such date.

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

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