§ 157. Definitions. As used in this title. 1. Safety net assistance means allowances pursuant to section one hundred thirty-one-a of this article for all support, maintenance and need, and costs of suitable training in a trade to enable a person to become self-supporting, furnished eligible needy persons in accordance with applicable provisions of law, by a municipal corporation, or a town where safety net assistance is a town charge, to persons or their dependents in their abode or habitation whenever possible and includes such relief granted to veterans under existing laws but does not include hospital or institutional care, except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, or family assistance or medical assistance for needy persons granted under titles ten and eleven of this article, respectively, or aid to persons receiving federal supplemental security income payments and/or additional state payments. Safety net assistance may also be provided in a family home or boarding home, operated in compliance with the regulations of the department, and on and after January first, nineteen hundred seventy-four, in facilities in which a person is receiving family care or residential care, as those terms are used in title six of this article, and to persons receiving care in a facility supervised by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services or in a residential facility for the mentally disabled approved, licensed or operated by the office of mental health or the office for people with developmental disabilities, other than those facilities defined in sections 7.17 and 13.17 of the mental hygiene law, in a developmental center facility operated by the office for people with developmental disabilities or residential care centers for adults operated by the office of mental health, when such type of care is deemed necessary. Payments to such homes and facilities for care and maintenance provided by them shall be at rates established pursuant to law and regulations of the department. The department, however, shall not establish rates of payment to such homes or facilities without approval of the director of the budget.

2. State aid means payments to a municipal corporation by the state for home relief furnished in accordance with this title.

3. Municipal corporation shall mean a county or city except a county

wholly within a city.