

THE SHELTER SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

A Proposed Amendment to New York State Law

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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing geographic safeguards, community notification requirements, identity verification standards, and identity document assistance for homeless shelters

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Shelter Safety and Accountability Act.”

§ 2. Legislative findings and purpose. The legislature hereby finds and declares that:

1. Every New Yorker, whether housed or unhoused, is entitled to safety, dignity, and honest government.
2. The current shelter placement system permits individuals with violent or predatory criminal histories to be placed in facilities adjacent to schools, daycare centers, and playgrounds without adequate geographic safeguards, and without timely notice to the families and neighbors who live nearby.
3. The absence of meaningful identity verification at intake undermines the integrity of the shelter system, exposes residents and staff to preventable danger, and makes the system vulnerable to exploitation and misrepresentation.
4. Community notification of proposed shelter siting is inconsistent across the state, leaving residents without a meaningful opportunity to raise legitimate safety concerns before placement decisions are finalized.
5. Many individuals experiencing homelessness lack the government-issued identification and vital records necessary to access housing, employment, healthcare, and public benefits, and lack of identification should not be used as a pretext to deny emergency shelter to those who need it most.
6. The current system lacks sufficient mechanisms to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse, resulting in inefficient use of public funds and weakening public confidence in the shelter system.
7. Stronger identity verification, community oversight, transparent reporting, and meaningful enforcement will improve shelter safety, reduce opportunities for corruption, waste, and fraud, and ensure that public resources are used efficiently and for their intended purpose.

8. The purpose of this act is to establish statewide minimum standards that protect the safety of children and communities, ensure the integrity of the shelter intake process, guarantee timely and verifiable community notification, reduce waste and fraud, establish meaningful community oversight, and expand access to identification and vital records for shelter residents, while preserving safe and humane access to emergency shelter for all in need, including victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and other emergencies.

§ 3. Article 2-A of the Social Services Law is amended by adding a Title 5, consisting of sections 53 through 59, to read as follows:

§ 53. DEFINITIONS.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

1. "SHELTER" OR "HOMELESS SHELTER" MEANS ANY FACILITY, OPERATED DIRECTLY OR UNDER CONTRACT BY A SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT, PUBLIC AGENCY, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR OTHER CONTRACTOR, THAT PROVIDES TEMPORARY HOUSING TO INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES LACKING A FIXED, REGULAR, AND ADEQUATE NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE, INCLUDING TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND CONGREGATE EMERGENCY SHELTERS, BUT EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE SIX-A OF THIS CHAPTER.
2. "OPERATOR" MEANS ANY ENTITY THAT OWNS, MANAGES, CONTRACTS TO OPERATE, OR CONTROLS A HOMELESS SHELTER.
3. "SENSITIVE LOCATION" MEANS ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL, LICENSED DAYCARE CENTER, OR PUBLIC PLAYGROUND.
4. "RESTRICTED REGISTRANT" MEANS (A) ANY INDIVIDUAL REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A LEVEL TWO OR LEVEL THREE SEX OFFENDER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE SIX-C OF THE CORRECTION LAW, OR DESIGNATED AS A SEXUAL PREDATOR, SEXUALLY VIOLENT OFFENDER, OR PREDICATE SEX OFFENDER THEREUNDER; OR (B) ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A CURRENT CONVICTION FOR A VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 70.02 OF THE PENAL LAW COMMITTED AGAINST A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, WITHIN TEN YEARS OF THE PROPOSED PLACEMENT DATE.
5. "BUFFER ZONE" MEANS A DISTANCE OF TWENTY-SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY FEET, OR ROUGHLY TEN STANDARD MUNICIPAL BLOCKS, MEASURED FROM THE NEAREST PROPERTY LINE OF THE SHELTER TO THE NEAREST PROPERTY LINE OF THE SENSITIVE LOCATION, UNLESS A DIFFERENT DISTANCE IS ESTABLISHED BY REGULATION CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 54 OF THIS ARTICLE.

6. "VERIFIED IDENTITY DOCUMENTATION" MEANS A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT, OR, WHERE UNAVAILABLE, AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF IDENTITY VERIFICATION AUTHORIZED BY THE OFFICE BY REGULATION, INCLUDING VERIFICATION THROUGH GOVERNMENTAL RECORDS, A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, MEDICAL RECORDS, IDENTITY-RELATED RECORDS MAINTAINED BY A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, VERIFIED RESPONSES TO PERSONAL-IDENTIFICATION QUESTIONS, FACIAL-RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY WHERE AUTHORIZED BY LAW, OR OTHER RELIABLE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

7. "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE.

8. "COMMUNITY MEETING" MEANS A PUBLICLY NOTICED MEETING HELD FOR RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT IN WHICH A PROPOSED SHELTER IS LOCATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING AND VOTING UPON THE PROPOSED SHELTER.

9. "COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION EVIDENCE" MEANS DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH THAT THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION FIFTY-FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE WERE SATISFIED, INCLUDING AT LEAST TWO SEPARATE EVIDENTIARY PIECES ORIGINATING FROM AT LEAST TWO SEPARATE INDIVIDUALS, AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM IS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT.

§ 54. RESTRICTED REGISTRANT PLACEMENT; BUFFER ZONES.

(A) NO SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT, OPERATOR, OR AGENCY THEREOF SHALL KNOWINGLY PLACE, REFER, OR ADMIT A RESTRICTED REGISTRANT TO A SHELTER LOCATED WITHIN A BUFFER ZONE OF A SENSITIVE LOCATION.

(B) PRIOR TO PLACEMENT OF ANY INDIVIDUAL IN A SHELTER, THE PLACING AGENCY SHALL QUERY THE REGISTRY ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE SIX-C OF THE CORRECTION LAW TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL IS A RESTRICTED REGISTRANT. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S REGISTRATION STATUS TO SHELTER STAFF OR OTHER RESIDENTS BEYOND WHAT IS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(C) WHERE A RESTRICTED REGISTRANT CANNOT BE PLACED IN A SHELTER DUE TO THE BUFFER ZONE REQUIREMENT OF THIS SECTION, THE OFFICE SHALL MAINTAIN, OR CONTRACT FOR, A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF SHELTER BEDS LOCATED OUTSIDE

BUFFER ZONES TO ENSURE THAT NO RESTRICTED REGISTRANT IS DENIED EMERGENCY SHELTER SOLELY ON ACCOUNT OF THIS SECTION.

(D) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO PLACEMENTS MADE ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS DURING A DECLARED LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL EMERGENCY, INCLUDING CODE BLUE OR CODE RED WEATHER EMERGENCIES, PROVIDED THAT ANY RESTRICTED REGISTRANT SO PLACED SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO A SHELTER OUTSIDE A BUFFER ZONE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AND IN NO EVENT LATER THAN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER THE EMERGENCY PLACEMENT, ABSENT GOOD CAUSE DOCUMENTED BY THE PLACING AGENCY.

§ 55. COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION.

(A) NO SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT OR OPERATOR SHALL EXECUTE A LEASE, CONTRACT, OR AGREEMENT TO OPEN A NEW SHELTER, OR TO EXPAND THE CAPACITY OF AN EXISTING SHELTER BY MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE BEDS, UNLESS IT HAS FIRST PROVIDED WRITTEN NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION AND OBTAINED COMMUNITY APPROVAL AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

(B) WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL BE PROVIDED, NOT LESS THAN FORTY-FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF THE LEASE, CONTRACT, OR AGREEMENT, TO: (I) THE COMMUNITY BOARD OR, IN A CITY WITHOUT COMMUNITY BOARDS, THE EQUIVALENT LOCAL GOVERNING BODY, WITH JURISDICTION OVER THE PROPOSED LOCATION; (II) THE MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, TOWN BOARD, OR VILLAGE BOARD REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE PROPOSED LOCATION IS SITUATED; (III) THE STATE SENATOR AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER REPRESENTING THE PROPOSED LOCATION; AND (IV) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE COUNTY OR CITY, AS APPLICABLE.

(C) THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE PROPOSED ADDRESS, CAPACITY, POPULATION TO BE SERVED, SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED, EXPECTED LENGTH OF STAY, SECURITY AND SAFETY PROCEDURES, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE OFFICE.

(D) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO: (I) EMERGENCY PLACEMENTS MADE PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (D) OF SECTION 54 OF THIS ARTICLE; (II) RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE SIX-A OF THIS CHAPTER, FOR WHICH DISCLOSURE OF LOCATION WOULD

COMPROMISE RESIDENT SAFETY; OR (III) RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING LEASE, CONTRACT, OR AGREEMENT AT THE SAME LOCATION AND SAME OR LESSER CAPACITY.

(E) PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF THE LEASE, CONTRACT, OR AGREEMENT, THE SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT OR OPERATOR SHALL CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC COMMUNITY MEETING. THE CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD, OR EQUIVALENT LOCAL GOVERNING BODY, AND A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF AT LEAST ONE ELECTED OFFICIAL REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT SHALL EACH SIGN A WRITTEN CONFIRMATION THAT THE COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS WERE SATISFIED. SUCH CONFIRMATION SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO SEPARATE EVIDENTIARY PIECES FROM AT LEAST TWO DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS ESTABLISHING THAT THE COMMUNITY WAS NOTIFIED, AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT.

(F) A PROPOSED SHELTER SHALL NOT BE APPROVED UNLESS THE PROPOSAL RECEIVES THE APPROVAL OF AT LEAST FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS PRESENT AND VOTING AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING. PRIOR TO VOTING, THE COMMUNITY BOARD OR EQUIVALENT LOCAL GOVERNING BODY SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO VERIFY THAT EACH PERSON PARTICIPATING IN THE VOTE ACTUALLY RESIDES WITHIN THE DISTRICT. SUCH VERIFICATION MAY INCLUDE GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION, VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS, PROPERTY OR TENANCY RECORDS, OR OTHER RELIABLE PROOF OF RESIDENCY. NO PERSON SHALL CAST MORE THAN ONE VOTE.

(G) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO EMERGENCY PLACEMENTS MADE PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (D) OF SECTION 54 OF THIS ARTICLE OR TO RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE SIX-A OF THIS CHAPTER, FOR WHICH DISCLOSURE OF LOCATION WOULD COMPROMISE RESIDENT SAFETY.

§ 56. IDENTITY VERIFICATION AT INTAKE.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (C) OF THIS SECTION, NO OPERATOR SHALL ENROLL AN INDIVIDUAL IN A SHELTER WITHOUT FIRST COLLECTING VERIFIED IDENTITY DOCUMENTATION FROM THAT INDIVIDUAL. AN OPERATOR THAT KNOWINGLY ADMITS OR RETAINS AN INDIVIDUAL IN VIOLATION OF

THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 58 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL PRESENTS FOR SHELTER WITHOUT VERIFIED IDENTITY DOCUMENTATION, THE OPERATOR SHALL PROVISIONALLY ADMIT THE INDIVIDUAL AND SHALL BEGIN AN IDENTITY-VERIFICATION PROCESS WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. THE OPERATOR SHALL EXHAUST REASONABLE METHODS OF VERIFYING IDENTITY, WHICH MAY INCLUDE REVIEW OF A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, GOVERNMENTAL RECORDS, MEDICAL RECORDS, VITAL RECORDS, PRIOR SHELTER RECORDS, VERIFIED RESPONSES TO PERSONAL-IDENTIFICATION QUESTIONS, CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AND FACIAL-RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY WHERE AUTHORIZED BY LAW. THE OPERATOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF SUCH VERIFICATION.

(C) THE IDENTITY VERIFICATION REQUIREMENT OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO: (I) AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKING SHELTER AS A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, OR SEXUAL ASSAULT, WHO SHALL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT REGARD TO IDENTITY DOCUMENTATION AND WHOSE INTAKE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE CONFIDENTIALITY PROTECTIONS OF TITLE SIX OF ARTICLE SIX-A OF THIS CHAPTER; (II) AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKING SHELTER DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION (D) OF SECTION 54 OF THIS ARTICLE; (III) AN UNACCOMPANIED MINOR; OR (IV) ANY INDIVIDUAL FOR WHOM THE OFFICE DETERMINES BY REGULATION THAT REQUIRING IDENTITY DOCUMENTATION WOULD CREATE AN UNREASONABLE BARRIER TO ACCESSING EMERGENCY SHELTER.

(D) AN OPERATOR SHALL NOT ADMIT OR RETAIN AN INDIVIDUAL IN A SHELTER WHO IS DETERMINED THROUGH THE REQUIRED IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND VERIFICATION PROCESS TO BE A PERSON WHOSE CURRENT FELONY STATUS PROHIBITS PLACEMENT UNDER THIS ARTICLE OR OTHER APPLICABLE LAW. ANY SUCH DETERMINATION SHALL BE DOCUMENTED AND REPORTED TO THE OFFICE.

(E) IDENTITY INFORMATION COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY BE SHARED, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY LAWS, WITH THE OFFICE, SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS, RELEVANT STATE AGENCIES, COMMUNITY BOARDS, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SHELTER OVERSIGHT. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL NOT BE PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO A FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITY

EXCEPT PURSUANT TO A JUDICIAL WARRANT OR AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW.

§ 57. IDENTITY DOCUMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(A) THE OFFICE, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS, SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A STATEWIDE IDENTITY DOCUMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO HELP INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OBTAIN BIRTH CERTIFICATES, NON-DRIVER PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND OTHER IDENTITY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCESS HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, HEALTHCARE, AND PUBLIC BENEFITS.

(B) THE PROGRAM SHALL, AT A MINIMUM: (I) PROVIDE THAT INDIVIDUALS VERIFIED AS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY STATE FEES FOR OBTAINING A BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR NON-DRIVER IDENTIFICATION CARD; (II) REQUIRE THE OPERATOR OF THE SHELTER TO PAY THE APPLICABLE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCESSING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OBTAINING SUCH DOCUMENTS; (III) REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRIORITIZE APPLICATIONS FOR IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED THROUGH THE PROGRAM; (IV) FUND CASEWORKER POSITIONS, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH CONTRACTS WITH OPERATORS, DEDICATED TO ASSISTING SHELTER RESIDENTS IN OBTAINING IDENTITY DOCUMENTATION; AND (V) ESTABLISH A SINGLE POINT OF APPLICATION, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, ALLOWING AN INDIVIDUAL TO APPLY FOR MULTIPLE IDENTITY DOCUMENTS THROUGH ONE INTAKE PROCESS.

(C) EVERY OPERATOR SHALL INFORM EACH INDIVIDUAL ADMITTED TO A SHELTER OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION AND SHALL PROVIDE A REFERRAL TO THE PROGRAM AT INTAKE.

(D) THE OFFICE SHALL REPORT QUARTERLY TO THE GOVERNOR, THE LEGISLATURE, COMMUNITY BOARDS, AND THE PUBLIC ON THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY THE PROGRAM, THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF DOCUMENTS ISSUED, THE AVERAGE TIME BETWEEN REFERRAL AND ISSUANCE, THE NUMBER OF IDENTITY VERIFICATION CASES COMPLETED, AND THE COSTS PAID BY EACH OPERATOR.

§ 58. ENFORCEMENT.

(A) AN OPERATOR WHO VIOLATES SECTION 56 OR 57 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY BEGINNING AT

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND INCREASING TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH OCCURRENCE PER PERSON, AS PROVIDED BY REGULATION. EACH DAY A VIOLATION CONTINUES SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE OCCURRENCE.

(B) PRIOR TO ASSESSMENT OF ANY CIVIL PENALTY UNDER THIS SECTION, THE OFFICE SHALL PROVIDE THE OPERATOR WITH WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE VIOLATION AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS.

(C) WHERE AN OPERATOR ACCUMULATES FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OR MORE IN CIVIL PENALTIES UNDER THIS ARTICLE, THE OFFICE SHALL SUSPEND THE OPERATOR'S AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE THE SHELTER AND SHALL PROHIBIT NEW ADMISSIONS UNTIL THE OFFICE CERTIFIES THAT THE OPERATOR HAS COME INTO COMPLIANCE.

(D) CIVIL PENALTIES COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN A DEDICATED SHELTER OVERSIGHT ACCOUNT AND USED TO FUND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS TITLE AND THE IDENTITY DOCUMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 57 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(E) THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH A HOMELESS SHELTER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW COMPLIANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE, INCLUDING QUARTERLY REPORTS, IDENTITY VERIFICATION, BACKGROUND CHECKS, COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION, COMMUNITY APPROVAL, SHELTER EXPENDITURES, AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS. THE COMMITTEE SHALL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OFFICE, RELEVANT STATE AGENCIES, SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS, COMMUNITY BOARDS, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS DESIGNATED BY THE OFFICE.

(F) FINAL DETERMINATIONS OF THE OFFICE UNDER THIS SECTION ARE SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW UNDER ARTICLE SEVENTY-EIGHT OF THE CIVIL PRACTICE LAW AND RULES.

§ 59. REPORTING, TRANSPARENCY, AND REGULATIONS.

(A) THE OFFICE SHALL, WITHIN THE NEXT QUARTER OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE, PROMULGATE REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SECTIONS 53 THROUGH 58 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) THE FIRST REPORT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL INCLUDE, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW AND SUBJECT TO NECESSARY PRIVACY PROTECTIONS: (I) THE NUMBER OF SHELTER RESIDENTS WHO WERE SCREENED AGAINST THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; (II) THE NUMBER OF

MATCHES OR POTENTIAL MATCHES IDENTIFIED THROUGH SUCH SCREENING; (III) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVED IDENTITY VERIFICATION AND THE METHODS USED; (IV) THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED MENTAL HEALTH OR MENTAL-FUNCTION EVALUATIONS, WHERE APPLICABLE AND LAWFUL; (V) THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTS OBTAINED; (VI) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ADMITTED, DENIED, TRANSFERRED, OR REMOVED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE; (VII) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PUBLIC MONEY RECEIVED AND SPENT BY EACH SHELTER OPERATOR; (VIII) COPIES OR ACCESSIBLE RECORDS OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTATION MAINTAINED BY OPERATORS FOR AUTHORIZED OVERSIGHT PURPOSES; (IX) ALL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, CIVIL PENALTIES, CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS, AND COMPLIANCE DEADLINES; AND (X) ANY OTHER INFORMATION NECESSARY TO EVALUATE SHELTER SAFETY, COMPLIANCE, AND USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

(C) THE OFFICE SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC A BROAD, AGGREGATED OVERVIEW OF SHELTER OPERATIONS THAT DOES NOT DISCLOSE PROTECTED PERSONAL INFORMATION. SUCH OVERVIEW SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM: (I) AVERAGE AND MEDIAN LENGTH OF STAY; (II) SHELTER CAPACITY AND OCCUPANCY; (III) NUMBER OF ADMISSIONS AND TRANSFERS; (IV) AGGREGATE IDENTITY VERIFICATION RESULTS; (V) AGGREGATE INFORMATION REGARDING CRIMINAL-RECORD SCREENING; (VI) AGGREGATE INFORMATION REGARDING MENTAL-FUNCTION OR OTHER REQUIRED EVALUATIONS, WHERE LAWFUL; (VII) AMOUNTS OF PUBLIC MONEY RECEIVED AND SPENT; (VIII) NUMBER AND TYPES OF SAFETY INCIDENTS; (IX) NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS; AND (X) THE SHELTER'S COMPLIANCE GRADE OR OTHER STANDARDIZED OVERSIGHT RATING ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE.

(D) THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT ALL RECORDS REQUIRED UNDER THIS ARTICLE ARE ACCURATE, AUDITABLE, AND AVAILABLE TO AUTHORIZED OVERSIGHT ENTITIES.

§ 4. Severability. If any provision of this act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end, the provisions of this act are severable.

§ 5. This act shall take effect on the first day of the twelfth month after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that shelters operating on such effective date shall have 60 days from such date to come into compliance with sections 56 and 57 of the

social services law, as added by section three of this act, and may operate provisionally during that period subject to interim standards established by the office of temporary and disability assistance.