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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the powers and duties of the justice center

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivisions 26 and 27 of section 553 of the executive law,  
2     as added by section 3 of part A of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, are  
3     amended and a new subdivision 28 is added to read as follows:  
4     26. To review the cost effectiveness of mental hygiene programs and  
5     procedures provided for by law with particular attention to efficiency,  
6     effectiveness and economy in the management, supervision and delivery of  
7     such programs. Such review may include but is not limited to: (a) deter-  
8     mining reasons for rising costs and possible means of controlling them;  
9     (b) analyzing and comparing expenditures in mental hygiene to determine  
10    the factors associated with variations in costs; and (c) analyzing and  
11    comparing achievements in selected samples to determine the factors  
12    associated with variations in program success and their relationship to  
13    mental hygiene costs; [and]  
14    27. In its discretion, to review the policies and practices relating  
15    to the prevention of abuse or neglect in facilities or provider agen-  
16    cies, including staffing patterns of various service models and the  
17    supervision required to help ensure the safety of service recipients[.];  
18    AND  
19    28. TO DEVELOP GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE PROCEDURES FOR  
20    REVIEW OF REPORTABLE INCIDENTS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THREE  
21    OF THIS SECTION. ALL SUCH DOCUMENTS SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO EACH STATE  
22    OVERSIGHT AGENCY IDENTIFIED IN SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION FIVE HUNDRED  
23    FIFTY OF THIS ARTICLE AND SHALL CONTAIN A UNIQUE SET OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
24    EACH SUCH AGENCY TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION EACH SUCH AGENCY'S PARTICULAR  
25    MISSION AND CONSTITUENCY. EACH SUCH AGENCY SHALL, AT THE REQUEST OF THE  
26    JUSTICE CENTER, PRODUCE FOR THE JUSTICE CENTER'S REVIEW, CURRENT PROCE-  
27    DURES AND PRACTICES UTILIZED IN RECORDING AND REPORTING REPORTABLE INCI-

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

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1 DENTS. TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY ACROSS STATE AGENCIES, THE JUSTICE CENTER  
2 SHALL DEVELOP OR IDENTIFY A UNIFORM SET OF CORE PRINCIPALS TO BE  
3 INCLUDED IN ANY GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS PRODUCED.  
4 S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
5 have become a law.