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Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT authorizing the study of parole officer staffing; 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:

Section 1. The department of corrections and community supervision shall conduct a study and issue a report regarding the staffing of parole officers and other employees of the department assigned to community supervision. Such study shall consider national standards and standards set by the American Correctional Association in addition to any other published best practices in examining the adequacy of current staffing levels. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the number of parole officers in the field and in facilities, the number of persons released to community supervision, the caseloads assigned to parole officers, and whether such staffing is sufficient to achieve the public safety goals of the department and the reentry objectives of community supervision pursuant to section 201 of the correction law.

§ 2. Six months after the effective date of this act, the commissioner of the department of corrections and community supervision shall deliver a copy of the report with the findings of the study conducted pursuant to section one of this act and any legislative recommendations he or she deems to be necessary to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chairman of the senate crime victims, crime and correction committee and the chairman of the assembly committee on correction.

§ 3. The commissioner of the department of corrections and community supervision may request, and is authorized to receive, any information from any state agencies that is relevant and material to the completion of this study and report. Such information received by the department

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

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shall be subject to the same requirements for confidentiality and limitations on use, if any, as are applicable to each such state agency's use of such information.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed thirty days after the delivery of the report to the governor and the legislature as provided for in section two of this act.