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Introduced by M. of A. KOLB, BRABENEC, LAWRENCE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the social services law, in relation to changing the date the justice center shall report by and the contents of such report

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

1 Section 1. The opening paragraph of paragraph (g) of subdivision 3 of
2 section 559 of the executive law, as added by section 3 of part A of
3 chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

4 To report to the governor and the legislature, on or before [~~November~~]
5 January first and July first of each year, on matters which shall
6 include, but not be limited to:

7 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 559 of the executive law is amended by
8 adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

9 (h) To update the justice center's website on a weekly basis with data
10 regarding the number of reports received by the vulnerable persons'
11 central register, the number of active administrative cases, the number
12 of active criminal cases, and the number of closed investigations.

13 § 3. Section 560 of the executive law, as added by section 3 of part A
14 of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

15 § 560. [~~Annual~~] Bi-annual report. The justice center shall make [~~an~~]
16 ~~annual—report~~] bi-annual reports to the governor and legislature
17 concerning its work during the preceding year. Such report shall be
18 posted on the justice center's website and shall be provided to the
19 independent agency designated pursuant to subdivision (b) of section
20 five hundred fifty-eight of this article. It shall include, but not be
21 limited to, data regarding the number of reports received by the vulner-
22 able persons' central register, current number of active criminal inves-
23 tigations, results of investigations by types of facilities and
24 programs, number of criminal convictions to date, the names of the

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

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1 facilities providing the suspect care, types of corrective actions
2 taken, results of its review of patterns and trends in the reporting of
3 and response to reportable incidents and its recommendations for appro-
4 priate preventive and corrective actions, and efforts undertaken by such
5 justice center to provide training pursuant to subdivision four of
6 section five hundred fifty-three of this article.

7 § 4. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 492 of the social
8 services law, as added by section 1 of part B of chapter 501 of the laws
9 of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

10 (b) (i) Whenever a telephone call or electronic transmission to the
11 vulnerable persons' central register alleges an act or circumstances
12 that may constitute a criminal offense [~~or an immediate threat to a~~
13 ~~vulnerable person's health, safety or welfare~~], the register shall
14 convey, by the most expedient means available, the information contained
15 in such call or transmission to the appropriate law enforcement agency
16 or district attorney [~~and, to the extent necessary, the appropriate~~
17 ~~emergency responder,~~] and the state oversight agency.

18 (ii) Whenever a telephone call to the vulnerable person's central
19 register alleges an act or circumstances that may constitute an immedi-
20 ate threat to a vulnerable person's health, safety, or welfare, the
21 register shall connect the caller to 911.

22 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.