

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to annual reporting
on inmate substance abuse

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (h) of section 19.07 of the mental hygiene law,
2 as amended by section 118-f of subpart B of part C of chapter 62 of the
3 laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

4 (h) The office of alcoholism and substance abuse services shall moni-
5 tor programs providing care and treatment to inmates in correctional
6 facilities operated by the department of corrections and community
7 supervision who have a history of alcohol or substance abuse or depend-
8 ence. The office shall also develop guidelines for the operation of
9 alcohol and substance abuse treatment programs in such correctional
10 facilities in order to ensure that such programs sufficiently meet the
11 needs of inmates with a history of alcohol or substance abuse or depend-
12 ence and promote the successful transition to treatment in the community
13 upon release. No later than the first day of December of each year, the
14 office shall submit a report regarding: (1) the adequacy and effective-
15 ness of alcohol and substance abuse treatment programs operated by the
16 department of corrections and community supervision; (2) the total
17 number of inmates in correctional facilities that have been screened
18 for, and determined to have, a substance abuse disorder; (3) information
19 regarding which substances inmates are most dependent upon and the
20 available treatment for such inmates within each correctional facility;
21 and (4) the number of inmates receiving treatment in correctional facil-
22 ities for each substance. Such report shall be sent to the governor, the
23 temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the
24 chairman of the senate committee on crime victims, crime and correction,
25 and the chairman of the assembly committee on correction.

26 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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