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Introduced by M. of A. COOK, GRIFFIN, ABINANTI, SEAWRIGHT, JEAN-PIERRE, CRUZ -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. GOTTFRIED, J. RIVERA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to establish senior citizen substance use disorder demonstration programs

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

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. The latest New York State census identifies twelve and three-tenths percent of the state's residents as age
2 sixty-five or older. The New York state office of addiction services and
3 supports has identified substance use disorders among the elder population as a serious and growing problem. This can result from isolation,
4 depression or the interaction of prescribed drugs.

5 It is, therefore, the intention of the legislature to eliminate barriers to effective substance use disorder services through this act, by
6 establishing substance use disorder prevention, education and treatment demonstration programs for senior citizens in the office of addiction
7 services and supports.

8 § 2. The commissioner of the office of addiction services and supports in consultation with the director of the office for the aging shall
9 develop comprehensive substance use disorder prevention, education and treatment demonstration programs to address the unique needs of the
10 elderly.

11 § 3. Subject to appropriation, funds for support of demonstration projects for the purposes stated in section two of this act shall be
12 allocated to eligible local governments and not-for-profit providers through a request for proposal process to be designed by the office of
13 addiction services and supports in consultation with the office for the aging.

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

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1 § 4. In reviewing applications for funding, the commissioner of
2 addiction services and supports shall consider such factors as program
3 cost-effectiveness; the ability of such proposals to offer programmat-
4 ically appropriate, long-term, stable services; and the ability of such
5 proposals to enable elderly persons to receive substance use disorder
6 services; and geographic need. While incidence and prevalence shall be
7 significant factors in the distribution of funds, demonstration projects
8 approved pursuant to this act shall be established in regions across the
9 state.

10 § 5. No expenditure shall be made until the commissioner of addiction
11 services and supports has approved a program and fiscal plan for
12 substance use disorder prevention, education and treatment demonstration
13 projects. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

14 i. Specific criteria to be applied in evaluating the requests for
15 proposal;

16 ii. Uniform program and cost standards;

17 iii. Criteria to be used to evaluate the outcome of the demonstration
18 projects, including specific requirements to be met by providers of
19 service.

20 § 6. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding
21 the date on which it shall have become a law.