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Introduced by Sens. KAPLAN, BROUK, SEPULVEDA, THOMAS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance -- recommitted to the Committee on Finance in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers throughout the state

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

Section 1. Article 5 of the social services law is amended by adding a new title 12-B to read as follows:

TITLE 12-B

CRIME VICTIM AND TRAUMA SURVIVOR RECOVERY CENTERS

Section 370-e. Crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers.

§ 370-e. Crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers. 1. The department shall facilitate the development and establishment of, and designate, five regional crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers across the state. The department shall establish procedures and criteria for the designation of such centers ensuring geographic coverage across the state consistent with this section.

2. Such crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers shall focus on helping individuals who have:

(a) been a victim of a violent crime, including individuals who have suffered gunshot wounds;

(b) been a victim of sexual assault;

(c) been a victim of domestic violence;

(d) been a victim of human trafficking;

(e) been a victim of a hate crime; or

(f) had a family member assaulted or killed.

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

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1 3. The following services to be offered at the crime victim and trauma
2 survivor recovery centers established pursuant to this title shall
3 include, but not be limited to:

4 (a) trauma-informed clinical case management;

5 (b) evidence-based individual, group and family psychotherapy;

6 (c) crisis intervention;

7 (d) medication management;

8 (e) legal advocacy;

9 (f) assistance with filing police reports and accessing victim compen-
10 sation funds;

11 (g) mental health services;

12 (h) help with relocation of an individual when safety is threatened;
13 and

14 (i) transportation aid to and from medical appointments, court dates,
15 and other related events.

16 4. The services provided by crime victim and trauma survivor recovery
17 centers pursuant to subdivision three of this section shall be provided
18 free of charge and no individual receiving treatment shall be liable for
19 the cost of any such services.

20 5. Each crime victim and trauma survivor recovery center shall work
21 with community partners to educate the local community in order to be
22 more trauma informed. "Community partners" shall include, but not be
23 limited to, criminal justice organizations, social services organiza-
24 tions and health care organizations.

25 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.