

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 2, 2022

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law and the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring certain SUNY and CUNY schools to establish substance abuse recovery housing programs

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

1 Section 1. Section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 22 to read as follows:

3 22. The state university trustees shall adopt rules requiring that
4 each institution of the state university of New York in which at least
5 twenty-five percent of the undergraduate students live in on-campus
6 housing establish a substance abuse recovery housing program to provide
7 a supportive substance-free on-campus housing environment that recog-
8 nizes the unique risks and challenges that recovering students face, and
9 that provides support programs to recovering students who reside in the
10 recovery housing to assist their efforts to remain substance-free. Such
11 program shall include, at a minimum, on-site counseling, mentoring, and
12 peer support. An institution may designate a floor, wing, or other
13 designated area within an on-campus housing building for such substance
14 abuse recovery housing program, and shall not be required to designate
15 an entire dormitory building for the program. The institution shall
16 apply for any federal, state, corporate, or other grant funding that may
17 be available to implement such substance abuse recovery housing program.
18 Each institution shall submit a plan for such substance abuse recovery
19 housing program to the office of higher education to be reviewed and
20 approved by the office of higher education, the office of addiction
21 services and supports, and the office of mental health. Such plan shall
22 be submitted within one year of the effective date of this subdivision.
23 Each institution shall implement such substance abuse recovery housing
24 program within four years after such plan is approved.

25 § 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new
26 subdivision 22 to read as follows:

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

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1 22. The board of trustees shall adopt rules requiring that each insti-
2 tution of the city university of New York in which at least twenty-five
3 percent of the undergraduate students live in on-campus housing estab-
4 lish a substance abuse recovery housing program to provide a supportive
5 substance-free on-campus housing environment that recognizes the unique
6 risks and challenges that recovering students face, and that provides
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16 Each institution shall submit a plan for such substance abuse recovery
17 housing program to the office of higher education to be reviewed and
18 approved by the office of higher education, the office of addiction
19 services and supports, and the office of mental health. Such plan shall
20 be submitted within one year of the effective date of this subdivision.
21 Each institution shall implement such substance abuse recovery housing
22 program within four years after such plan is approved.

23 § 3. Section 7.07 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new
24 subdivision (i) to read as follows:

25 (i) The office shall, in conjunction with the office of higher educa-
26 tion and the office of addiction services and supports, review plans for
27 the establishment of a substance abuse recovery housing program submit-
28 ted by each institution of the state university of New York and the city
29 university of New York and establish procedures for the approval and
30 denial of such plans.

31 § 4. Section 19.07 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a
32 new subdivision (o) to read as follows:

33 (o) The office shall, in conjunction with the office of higher educa-
34 tion and the office of mental health, review plans for the establishment
35 of a substance abuse recovery housing program submitted by each institu-
36 tion of the state university of New York and the city university of New
37 York and establish procedures for the approval and denial of such plans.

38 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.