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Introduced by M. of A. DILAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT directing the department of corrections and community supervision to conduct a comprehensive study on deaths in correctional facilities within New York state

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

- 1 Section 1. The department of corrections and community supervision
- 2 shall conduct a comprehensive study on deaths in correctional facilities
- 3 within New York state to provide data-driven insights and recommenda-
- 4 tions to improve prison conditions, healthcare, and policies to prevent
- 5 future tragedies. Such study shall:
- 6 1. Determine the number and causes of deaths in New York state correc-
- 7 tional facilities over the past decade;
- 8 2. Assess the adequacy of the mental health and medical services with-
- 9 in correctional facilities;
- 10 3. Identify any patterns or trends in the data that may indicate
- 11 systemic issues or areas needing improvement;
- 12 4. Evaluate the effectiveness of existing policies and procedures in
- 13 preventing deaths in custody; and
- 14 5. Recommend measures to improve the health and safety of incarcerated
- 15 individuals.
- 16 § 2. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the department
- 17 of corrections and community supervision shall issue a report of the
- 18 findings of the study to the governor, the temporary president of the
- 19 senate and the speaker of the assembly.
- 20 § 3. 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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