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Introduced by Sen. SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- recommitted to the Committee on Codes 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 executive law, in relation to training of state police and local police departments on the address confidentiality program

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

Section 1. Section 840 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 9 to read as follows:

9. (a) The council, in coordination with the office of victim services, the office for the prevention of domestic violence and the secretary of state, shall promulgate policies and procedures with regard to training on the address confidentiality program pursuant to section one hundred eight of this chapter which shall include, but not limited to:

(i) training on the purpose and benefits of the address confidentiality program;

(ii) procedures for identifying and assisting victims who may be eligible for such program;

(iii) guidelines for maintaining confidentiality and handling sensitive information related to program participants; and

(iv) protocols for coordinating with the office of victim services and other agencies to provide support services to program participants.

(b) Such training shall be required for all police officers and shall be incorporated into existing training programs including, but not limited to, the basic course for police officers and in-service programs. The training for in-service programs on the address confidentiality program shall be conducted once every three years.

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

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(c) The division of criminal justice services shall provide confirmation of compliance with such training requirement for all police departments to the secretary of state pursuant to section one hundred eight of this chapter.

§ 2. Subdivision 8 of section 108 of the executive law, as added by chapter 502 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

8. Report to the legislature. The secretary shall submit to the legislature, no later than February first of each year, a report that includes for each county, the total number of applications received, the total number of persons participating in the program established by this section during the previous calendar year and the total number of pieces of mail forwarded to program participants during the previous calendar year. The report shall include confirmation from the division of criminal justice services of the date that each county received the training materials and when the training was completed by each police department; and confirmation from the superintendent of state police that training was completed by all state police officers.

§ 3. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 214-j to read as follows:

§ 214-j. Address confidentiality program training. (a) The superintendent, in coordination with the office of victim services, the office for the prevention of domestic violence and the secretary of state, shall promulgate policies and procedures with regard to training on the address confidentiality program pursuant to section one hundred eight of this chapter which shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) training on the purpose and benefits of the address confidentiality program;

(ii) procedures for identifying and assisting victims who may be eligible for such program;

(iii) guidelines for maintaining confidentiality and handling sensitive information related to program participants; and

(iv) protocols for coordinating with the office of victim services and other agencies to provide support services to program participants.

(b) Such training shall be required for all state police officers and shall be incorporated into existing training programs. Such training shall be conducted once every three years.

(c) The superintendent shall provide confirmation of compliance with such training requirement for all new and veteran state police officers to the secretary of state pursuant to section one hundred eight of this chapter.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.