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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to oversight of
substance abuse services in state prisons by the commissioner of alco-
holism and substance abuse services

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subdivision a of section 19.09 of the mental
2 hygiene law is amended by adding two new subparagraphs (A) and (B) to
3 read as follows:
4 (A) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONDUCT PERIODIC REVIEWS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE
5 TREATMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORREC-
6 TIONAL SERVICES. THE PURPOSE OF SUCH REVIEWS SHALL BE TO ENSURE THAT
7 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS EMPLOY EVIDENCE-BASED AND BEST PRACTICES AND
8 COMPLY WITH STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO THE FULLEST
9 EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHIN A CORRECTIONAL SETTING.
10 (B) SUCH REVIEWS SHALL BE CONDUCTED, AT A MINIMUM, EVERY TWO YEARS,
11 AND THE COMMISSIONER SHALL FILE A WRITTEN REPORT WITH THE GOVERNOR AND
12 THE LEGISLATURE SUMMARIZING THE RESULTS AND SETTING FORTH RECOMMENDA-
13 TIONS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR MODIFYING, IMPLEMENTING,
14 DEVELOPING, OR COORDINATING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES. THE FIRST REPORT SHALL BE FILED BY THE COMMIS-
16 SIONER NO LATER THAN JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN.
17 S 2. 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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