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AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to services for inmates of state correctional facilities upon their release therefrom

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

1 Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 75 to
2 read as follows:
3 S 75. NOTICE OF TRANSITIONAL SERVICES FOR INMATES RELEASED FROM
4 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. 1. PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF AN INMATE FROM A
5 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE SUCH INMATE WITH
6 INFORMATION ON TRANSITIONAL SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTY OR CITY
7 WHERE SUCH INMATE IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL
8 INCLUDE REFERRALS TO PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THE SUCCESSFUL AND
9 PRODUCTIVE REENTRY AND REINTEGRATION OF AN INMATE INTO SOCIETY INCLUDING
10 MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, HIV/AIDS SERVICES, EDUCATIONAL,
11 VOCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, ALCOHOL OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT
12 AND HOUSING SERVICES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN A CURRENT LIST OF
13 TRANSITIONAL SERVICES WHICH SHALL BE UPDATED NO LESS THAN ANNUALLY IN
14 ORDER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.
15 2. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSULT WITH, AND BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THE
16 ASSISTANCE OF, THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION, LABOR, HEALTH, MENTAL
17 HEALTH AND THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE IN THE
18 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION. THE DIVISION OF PAROLE SHALL ASSIST THE
19 DEPARTMENT IN ANY MANNER NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE PURPOSES AND
20 OBJECTIVES OF THIS SECTION ARE EFFECTIVELY ACCOMPLISHED.

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

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1 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
2 it shall have become a law, provided, however, that effective immediate-
3 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rules or regulations
4 necessary for the implementation of the foregoing section of this act on
5 its effective date is authorized and directed to be made and completed
6 on or before such effective date.