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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the creation of a crime victims advisory council

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 623-a to read as follows:

S 623-A. CRIME VICTIMS ADVISORY COUNCIL. 1. THE CRIME VICTIMS ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE CRIME VICTIMS BOARD AND SHALL INCLUDE FOUR CRIME VICTIMS, TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM GROUPS WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION OF CRIME VICTIMS, ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A STATEWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATION, ONE LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO HAS EXTENSIVE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE DEALING WITH CRIME VICTIMS AND ONE MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER WHO HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE DEALING WITH CRIME VICTIMS.

2. THE CRIME VICTIMS ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL ADVISE AND ASSIST THE BOARD IN DEVELOPING POLICIES, PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR IMPROVING THE BOARD'S PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES AND FOR COORDINATING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO CRIME VICTIMS.

3. THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL SELECT ANNUALLY, FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERSHIP, A PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT WHO SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

4. THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT LEAST FOUR TIMES ANNUALLY AT A TIME AND PLACE DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL. ALL MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL BE HELD IN PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION AND SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

5. THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL VOTE UPON ALL QUESTIONS PUT BEFORE IT. A QUESTION SHALL BE PROPERLY PUT BEFORE THE ADVISORY COUNCIL UPON THE MOTION OF ANY MEMBER, DULY ENDORSED BY ANY OTHER MEMBER. A MAJORITY VOTE

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

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OF ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL DECIDE ANY QUESTION. TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, ANY MINORITY OR DISSENTING OPINION CONCERNING ANY QUESTION PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL SHALL BE DULY RECOGNIZED BY THE PRESIDENT, RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF A RESPECTIVE MEETING, AND ATTACHED TO ANY STATEMENT MADE BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.