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Introduced by M. of A. KAVANAGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction -- recommitted to the Committee on Correction in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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:

Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 76 to read as follows:

S 76. NOTICE OF TRANSITIONAL SERVICES FOR INMATES RELEASED FROM CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. 1. PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF AN INMATE FROM A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE SUCH INMATE WITH INFORMATION ON TRANSITIONAL SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTY OR CITY WHERE SUCH INMATE IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE REFERRALS TO PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THE SUCCESSFUL AND PRODUCTIVE REENTRY AND REINTEGRATION OF AN INMATE INTO SOCIETY INCLUDING MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, HIV/AIDS SERVICES, EDUCATIONAL, VOCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, ALCOHOL OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND HOUSING SERVICES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN A CURRENT LIST OF TRANSITIONAL SERVICES WHICH SHALL BE UPDATED NO LESS THAN ANNUALLY IN ORDER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

2. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSULT WITH, AND BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THE ASSISTANCE OF, THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION, LABOR, HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation of the foregoing section of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made on or before such effective date.

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

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