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SOHN, McENENY, MOLINARO, PAULIN, PHEFFER, P. RIVERA, SWEENEY, TOWNS --
read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations --
committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and
recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing a
victims' assistance education program

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

1 Section 1. Section 621 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 24 to read as follows:
3 24. "VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM" SHALL MEAN AN EDUCATIONAL
4 PROGRAM TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE OR DEVELOP SKILLS THAT
5 WOULD ENHANCE OR AUGMENT SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF CRIME. SUCH PROGRAMS MAY
6 INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:
7 (A) KNOWLEDGE OF MAJOR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS OF CRIME
8 VICTIMS;
9 (B) PRACTICAL SKILLS REQUIRED IN PROVIDING PERSONAL CARE AND SUPPORT
10 OF CRIME VICTIMS;
11 (C) STRESS AWARENESS AND METHODS OF DEALING WITH STRESS CAUSED BY A
12 CRIME AND CAUSED BY WORKING WITH VICTIMS OF CRIME; AND
13 (D) IDENTIFICATION AND UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES, INCLUDING
14 ENTITLED BENEFIT, AND OTHER PROGRAMS OF ASSISTANCE.
15 S 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 623-a to
16 read as follows:
17 S 623-A. VICTIM ASSISTANCE EDUCATION. 1. THE OFFICE SHALL SCHEDULE AND
18 COORDINATE AT LEAST TWO VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS ANNUALLY.
19 2. THE OFFICE SHALL REQUIRE THAT ALL PROFESSIONAL AND SUPPORT STAFF
20 PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM EVERY
21 TWO YEARS.

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

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1 3. THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH A VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM
2 IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES. SUCH
3 PROGRAMS SHALL BE DELIVERED IN AN APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL FORMAT BY
4 INSTRUCTORS WHO ARE SUFFICIENTLY TRAINED TO PROVIDE THE EDUCATIONAL
5 OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM AND WILL PROVIDE EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICE AND
6 VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE AGENCIES WITH THE MEANS TO EXPAND UPON PRACTICAL
7 EXPERIENCE WITH CURRENT AND EFFECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES DEVELOPED THROUGH THE
8 ONGOING RESEARCH IN THE RESPECTIVE FIELD OF STUDY.

9 4. VICTIMS' ASSISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS WILL BE DEVELOPED FOR AND
10 OFFERED TO POLICE AGENCIES, SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
11 JUDGES, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICES, STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SECURITY
12 OFFICERS, PROVIDERS OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES AND ANY OTHER PERSON-
13 NEL WITH WHOM VICTIMS OF CRIME WILL INTERACT AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY
14 THE OFFICE.

15 5. THE OFFICE SHALL EVALUATE ANNUALLY THE USE AND IMPACT OF VICTIMS'
16 ASSISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS OFFERED AND REPORT ANY FINDINGS TO THE
17 GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE.

18 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
19 it shall have become a law; provided that the director of the office of
20 victim services shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to
21 implement this act prior to such effective date.