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I N A S S E M B L Y

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

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to training for staff in
residential mental health treatment units programs inside correctional
facilities

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 401 of the correction law, as
2 added by chapter 1 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:
3 6. The department shall ensure that the curriculum for new [correction
4 officers, and other new] department staff [who will regularly work in
5 programs providing mental health treatment for inmates,] shall include
6 at least eight hours of training about the types and symptoms of mental
7 illnesses, the goals of mental health treatment, the prevention of
8 suicide and training in how to effectively and safely manage inmates
9 with mental illness. Such training may be provided by the office of
10 mental health or the New York state commission on quality of care and
11 advocacy for persons with disabilities. All department staff who are
12 transferring into a residential mental health treatment unit shall
13 receive a minimum of eight additional hours of such training[, and]. ALL
14 SECURITY, PROGRAM SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL STAFF WITH DIRECT
15 INMATE CONTACT SHALL RECEIVE A MINIMUM OF eight hours of [annual] SUCH
16 training [as long as they work in such a unit] EACH YEAR. The department
17 shall provide additional training on these topics on an ongoing basis as
18 it deems appropriate.
19 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
20 it shall have become a law.

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

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