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AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to preventing sexually transmitted diseases and HIV among correctional employees and inmates

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 141-a  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 141-A. SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AND HIV; PREVENTION. 1. THE  
4     COMMISSIONER, TOGETHER WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, SHALL DEVELOP  
5     AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS IN EVERY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO PREVENT THE  
6     SPREAD OF HEPATITIS C, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AND HUMAN IMMUNODE-  
7     FICIENCY VIRUS INFECTION, FOR DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES AND INCARCERATED  
8     INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING EDUCATION, GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING,  
9     OUTREACH TO THE INCARCERATED POPULATION, HARM REDUCTION, DISCHARGE PLAN-  
10    NING, OFFERING TESTING, AND AVAILABILITY OF PROPHYLACTIC DEVICES. THE  
11    PROGRAM MAY PROVIDE FOR TRAINING INCARCERATED PERSONS TO WORK AS PEER  
12    EDUCATORS IN THE PROGRAM.  
13    2. THESE PROGRAMS SHALL BE OFFERED IN SUCH MANNER AND AT SUCH TIME AS  
14    TO ENCOURAGE ATTENDANCE BY ALL DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES AND INCARCERATED  
15    PERSONS. PROGRAMMING AS REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION  
16    SHALL INCLUDE INCORPORATION INTO OTHER CONTENT-NEUTRAL PROGRAMS TO  
17    ENSURE THAT ATTENDANCE IS NOT STIGMATIZED OR STIGMATIZING.  
18    3. IN DEVELOPING PROGRAMS FOR THE PREVENTION OF HEPATITIS C, SEXUALLY  
19    TRANSMITTED DISEASES AND HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS INFECTION, THE  
20    COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSULT WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH TO IDENTIFY  
21    AND SELECT CURRICULA THAT ARE LIKELY TO BE EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING TRANS-

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

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1 MISSION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES WITHIN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND TO  
2 CONTACTS OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED PERSONS UPON THEIR RELEASE.

3 4. THE PROGRAMS REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHOULD  
4 INCLUDE PEER EDUCATION AND USE OF NON-DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL INCLUDING  
5 COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, AND SHALL BE IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE TARGETED POPU-  
6 LATION, SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LITERACY LEVEL OF THE TARGETED POPU-  
7 LATION, AND SHALL BE CULTURALLY SENSITIVE TO THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL  
8 NEEDS OF THE TARGETED POPULATION.

9 5. IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A COHORT OF SKILLED TRAINERS, THE COMMISSIONER,  
10 TOGETHER WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A  
11 PEER EDUCATOR TRAINING PROGRAM. COMPLETION OF A PEER EDUCATOR TRAINING  
12 PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PERMIT A PARTICIPANT TO RECEIVE A PEER  
13 EDUCATION CERTIFICATION.

14 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.