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

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to establishing the sex offender public awareness program

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

Section 1. Section 168-l of the correction law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6-a to read as follows:

6-A. THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A SEX OFFENDER PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM. (A) THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH AN EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR SEX OFFENDER AWARENESS BY PROVIDING FOR EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH SERVICES TO SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND CLERGY. SUCH PROGRAMS SHALL BE OPERATED AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

(B) THE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH OUTREACH PROGRAM, AND SHALL BE DESIGNED TO PROMOTE:

(I) ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES OTHER THAN THE STATE, INCLUDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SOURCES;

(II) COORDINATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS; AND

(III) LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SCHOOLS, COMMUNITIES, AND CLERGY.

(C) THESE REGULATIONS SHALL ALSO PROVIDE FOR SERVICES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICIALS TO ASSIST IN SUCH EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM.

(D) THE BOARD SHALL PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER FIRST OF EACH YEAR ON THE PROGRAMS; INCLUDING:

(I) THE PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE BOARD;

(II) OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR THE EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION;

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

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(III) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS TO THE BOARD TO MEET THE REASONABLE NEEDS OF THE PROGRAMS UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

(IV) AN ESTIMATE OF THE REASONABLE NEEDS OF PROGRAMS IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately any rules or regulations necessary for the timely implementation of this act on its effective date may be promulgated on or before such date.