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AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law and the state finance law, in relation to the reinvestment of funds into community-based services for persons suffering from chemical dependence

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

1     Section 1. Legislative intent and findings. The legislature finds  
2     that declines in the state prison inmate census, due to the utilization  
3     of alternatives to incarceration and changes in the sentencing laws for  
4     persons convicted of drug offenses, create concomitant demand and strain  
5     on community-based chemical dependence treatment services.  
6     The legislature also finds that as state expenditures for incarcerated  
7     individuals are reduced due to the aforementioned interventions, it is  
8     necessary and appropriate to establish a dedicated fund, comprised of  
9     those savings, which will be reinvested into the development and expansion  
10    of community-based chemical dependence treatment and prevention  
11    programs.  
12    The legislature further finds that as it is well established that  
13    chemical dependence prevention and treatment is the most effective  
14    response to chemical abuse and addiction and the resulting criminal  
15    offenses, the availability of effective prevention and treatment  
16    programs should be a prominent component of the state's response.  
17    S 2. Section 1.03 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new  
18    subdivision 59 to read as follows:

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

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1 59. "COMMUNITY CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE REINVESTMENT SERVICES" SHALL  
2 INCLUDE CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE SERVICES AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION  
3 FIFTY-FIVE OF THIS SECTION.

4 S 3. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 22.12  
5 to read as follows:

6 S 22.12 COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT PROGRAM.

7 (A) THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
8 SERVICES SHALL PLAN, PROMOTE, ESTABLISH, DEVELOP, COORDINATE, EVALUATE,  
9 AND CONDUCT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS, EXAMINATION,  
10 CARE, TREATMENT, REHABILITATION, EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING, AND  
11 RESEARCH FOR THE BENEFIT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO SUFFER FROM AND/OR ARE AT  
12 RISK FOR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE. SUCH PROGRAMS SHALL BE LICENSED OR  
13 APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES AND  
14 SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO INPATIENT, RESIDENTIAL, HALF-WAY  
15 HOUSE, OUTPATIENT, METHADONE MAINTENANCE TREATMENT, EMERGENCY, REHABILI-  
16 TATIVE, EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE TREATMENT,  
17 PREVENTION AND SUPPORT SERVICES.

18 (B) ALL MONEYS RECEIVED OR ACCEPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
19 DEPOSITED INTO THE CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE REINVESTMENT FUND ESTABLISHED  
20 PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-FIVE-I OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

21 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISION OF LAW, IN APPROVING  
22 FUNDS PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-FIVE-I OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW, THE  
23 COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES  
24 SHALL CONSIDER THE EXTENT TO WHICH LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS HAVE MAIN-  
25 TAINED LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EXPENDITURES IN ANY LOCAL FISCAL YEAR FOR  
26 LOCAL OR UNIFIED SERVICES, AS APPLICABLE, PROVIDED TO PERSONS DIAGNOSED  
27 WITH CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE AND MADE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, AT A LEVEL  
28 EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT EXPENDED THAT FISCAL YEAR. SUCH  
29 COMMISSIONER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO REDUCE PAYMENTS MADE TO LOCAL  
30 GOVERNMENTAL UNITS WHICH HAVE RECEIVED GRANTS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION,  
31 IN THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN EXPENDITURES. FUNDS  
32 ANNUALLY APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE FOR COMMUNITY CHEMICAL DEPEND-  
33 ENCE REINVESTMENT SERVICES ARE INTENDED TO PAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT,  
34 EXPANSION, AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE SERVICES.  
35 ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE REINVESTMENT FUNDS SHALL NOT BE  
36 USED TO SUPPLANT OR REPLACE COMMUNITY CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE COSTS OF ANY  
37 PROVIDER THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY PAID FROM THE PRIOR YEAR'S OFFICE OF ALCO-  
38 HOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE  
39 IDENTICAL PURPOSE.

40 (D) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THE STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON CHEM-  
41 ICAL DEPENDENCE REINVESTMENT FUND UTILIZATION. THIS COUNCIL SHALL DEVEL-  
42 OP AND IMPLEMENT A SCHEDULE FOR STUDYING CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE PREVENTION  
43 AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS, FOCUSING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SUCH PROGRAMS  
44 AND WHETHER THESE PROGRAMS ADEQUATELY MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE INMATES  
45 RELEASED FROM DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FACILITIES. FURTHER, THIS COUN-  
46 CIL SHALL RECOMMEND ANY NEEDED EXPANSIONS TO CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE TREAT-  
47 MENT PROGRAMS. BY JANUARY FIRST OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION OF  
48 THIS SECTION, THIS COUNCIL SHALL REPORT ITS FINDING TO THE GOVERNOR, THE  
49 TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY. SUCH  
50 COUNCIL SHALL OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY AND SHALL CONSIST OF A CHAIRPERSON,  
51 CHOSEN BY THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE OFFICE OF  
52 ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINIS-  
53 TRATION, THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
54 CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, AND THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND  
55 FAMILY SERVICES. THE COUNCIL SHALL ALSO CONSIST OF NINE REPRESENTATIVES  
56 SELECTED FROM THE FOLLOWING THREE COMMUNITIES AS FOLLOWS: THREE REPRE-

1 SENTATIVES FROM THE SERVICE PROVIDER COMMUNITY; THREE REPRESENTATIVES  
2 FROM THE CONSUMER COMMUNITY; AND THREE REPRESENTATIVES WHO SHALL BE  
3 FAMILY MEMBERS OF CONSUMERS. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THESE THREE  
4 COMMUNITIES SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,  
5 THE GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE  
6 ASSEMBLY AND THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE.

7 S 4. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 95-i to  
8 read as follows:

9 S 95-I. CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE REINVESTMENT FUND. 1. THERE IS HEREBY  
10 ESTABLISHED IN THE JOINT CUSTODY OF THE COMPTROLLER AND THE COMMISSIONER  
11 OF TAXATION AND FINANCE A FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE  
12 REINVESTMENT FUND.

13 2. MONEYS OF THE FUND, FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE AND  
14 ALLOCATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET, SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMIS-  
15 SIONER OF THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES FOR THE  
16 DEVELOPMENT, EXPANSION AND OPERATION OF NEW AND EXPANDED COMMUNITY CHEM-  
17 ICAL DEPENDENCE SERVICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SERVICES  
18 RENDERED TO PERSONS MANDATED INTO CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE TREATMENT IN LIEU  
19 OF INCARCERATION BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. SPECIFIC AMOUNTS SHALL  
20 BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION UPON DETERMINATIONS MADE BY SUCH  
21 COMMISSIONER. SUCH FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND  
22 SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES MAY ALSO BE USED TO DEVELOP STATE OPERATED  
23 SERVICES, INCLUDING EMERGENCY AND CRISIS SERVICES, CASE MANAGEMENT  
24 SERVICE, EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL SERVICES, SERVICES FOR HOMELESS CHEMI-  
25 CALLY-ADDICTED PERSONS WITH AND/OR AT RISK FOR HIV INFECTION, HIV-RELAT-  
26 ED ILLNESSES OR AIDS, PERSONS DUALY-DIAGNOSED WITH CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE  
27 AND MENTAL ILLNESS, OTHER HARD TO SERVE POPULATIONS, AND OTHER SPECIAL-  
28 IZED SERVICES AS APPROVED BY SUCH COMMISSIONER.

29 S 5. Each year an independent actuarial accounting of the savings  
30 generated from declines in the state prison census shall be conducted  
31 and the results reported to the governor, the division of the budget,  
32 the senate finance committee and the assembly ways and means committee  
33 no later than one year following the effective date of this act.

34 S 6. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding  
35 the date on which it shall have become a law.