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Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to duties of providers of service to people with developmental disabilities

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

Section 1. Section 31.11 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. FOR PROGRAMS LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OPERATED, AUTHORIZED OR FUNDED BY THE OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, POSTING A VISIBLE NOTICE IN A PUBLIC AREA VISIBLE TO EMPLOYEES INFORMING SUCH EMPLOYEES TO CALL 911 IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. FURTHER, THE NOTICE SHALL INFORM EMPLOYEES THAT, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE ELEVEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW, THEY SHALL REPORT TO THE JUSTICE CENTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IF IT IS BELIEVED THAT ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A SERVICE RECIPIENT HAS OCCURRED; AND MAY CONTACT LAW ENFORCEMENT IF IT IS BELIEVED THAT SUCH ABUSE OR NEGLECT CONSTITUTES A CRIME. SUCH NOTICE SHALL CONTAIN THE PHONE NUMBER OF THE JUSTICE CENTER HOTLINE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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