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Introduced by Sen. MURPHY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law, the public health law and the education law, in relation to directing the division of veterans' affairs to establish and operate a publicly accessible electronic database of the availability of openings for admission to state veterans' homes

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

1     Section 1. Section 353 of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
2     subdivision 23 to read as follows:  
3     23. TO, IN CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
4     AND THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, ESTABLISH AND OPERATE AN INTERNET  
5     WEBSITE ELECTRONIC DATABASE, ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, WHICH PROVIDES  
6     THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE OPENINGS FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AT EACH STATE  
7     VETERANS' HOME OPERATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX-A OF THE PUBLIC  
8     HEALTH LAW AND AT THE LONG ISLAND STATE VETERANS' HOME AT THE STATE  
9     UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK. IN ADDITION, SUCH ELECTRONIC  
10    DATABASE SHALL, FOR EACH SUCH VETERANS' HOME, PROVIDE THE NUMBER OF  
11    ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ON THE WAITING LIST FOR ADMISSION TO THE  
12    STATE VETERANS' HOME. THE DIVISION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE  
13    STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK SHALL JOINTLY ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION  
14    POSTED ON THE ELECTRONIC DATABASE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVI-  
15    SION IS MAINTAINED AND UPDATED ON A REAL TIME BASIS AS SUCH INFORMATION  
16    CHANGES.  
17    S 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2636 to  
18    read as follows:  
19    S 2636. STATE VETERANS' HOME ELECTRONIC DATABASE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
20    FULLY COOPERATE WITH THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH AND  
21    OPERATE THE ELECTRONIC DATABASE PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-THREE  
22    OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW, AND PROVIDE  
23    INFORMATION RELATING TO THE STATE VETERANS' HOMES OPERATED PURSUANT TO  
24    THIS ARTICLE TO SUCH DIVISION ON A REAL TIME BASIS.

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

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1 S 3. Section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new  
2 subdivision 20 to read as follows:

3 20. STATE VETERANS' HOME ELECTRONIC DATABASE. THE STATE UNIVERSITY  
4 SHALL FULLY COOPERATE WITH THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO ESTAB-  
5 LISH AND OPERATE THE ELECTRONIC DATABASE PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDIVISION  
6 TWENTY-THREE OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW,  
7 AND PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE LONG ISLAND STATE VETERANS' HOME  
8 AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK TO SUCH DIVISION ON A  
9 REAL TIME BASIS.

10 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
11 it shall have become a law. Provided, however that, effective immediate-  
12 ly, any actions necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its  
13 effective date are authorized and directed to be completed on or before  
14 such date.