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I N S E N A T E

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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:

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

3 6-A. THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A SEX OFFENDER PUBLIC AWARENESS
4 PROGRAM. (A) THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH AN EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM
5 FOR SEX OFFENDER AWARENESS BY PROVIDING FOR EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH
6 SERVICES TO SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND CLERGY. SUCH PROGRAMS SHALL
7 BE OPERATED AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH PROCE-
8 DURES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 (I) THE PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE BOARD;

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

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

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

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