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Introduced by M. of A. LAVINE, LUPARDO, RUSSELL, SCHIMEL, SIMANOWITZ, JAFFEE, SKARTADOS, BROOK-KRASNY, BARRETT, SCARBOROUGH, COOK, CLARK, MOYA, OTIS, PERRY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CRESPO, CROUCH, CYMBROWITZ, DUPREY, FAHY, JOHNS, KEARNS, MALLIOTAKIS, McDONOUGH, McKEVITT, MONTESANO, RAIA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to providing certain benefits to veterans; and to amend the correction law, in relation to requiring certain reports relating to veterans

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 3803 of the public health law, as
2 amended by chapter 743 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 1. There is hereby created within the department the veterans health
5 care information program (referred to in this section as the "program"),
6 which shall provide information on health issues associated with mili-
7 tary duty, including but not limited to Agent Orange, SPINA BIFIDA, Gulf
8 War Syndromes, toxic materials or harmful physical agents such as,
9 depleted uranium, and hepatitis C, AND SPECIFIC MENTAL AND PHYSICAL
10 HEALTH ISSUES INCLUDING POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, TRAUMATIC BRAIN
11 INJURY AND OTHER BRAIN-RELATED INJURIES, for veterans, their surviving
12 spouses, CHILDREN OF VETERANS and health care providers.

13 S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 29 of the correction law, as amended by
14 section 12 of subpart A of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 1. The department shall continue to collect, maintain, and analyze
17 statistical and other information and data with respect to persons
18 subject to the jurisdiction of the department, including but not limited
19 to: (a) the number of such persons: placed in the custody of the depart-

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

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1 ment, assigned to a specific department program, accorded community
2 supervision and declared delinquent, recommitted to a state correctional
3 institution upon revocation of community supervision, or discharged upon
4 maximum expiration of sentence; (b) the criminal history of such
5 persons; (c) the social, educational, and vocational circumstances of
6 any such persons; [and,] (d) the institutional and community supervision
7 programs and the behavior of such persons; AND, (E) THE MILITARY BACK-
8 GROUND AND CIRCUMSTANCES, IF SUCH PERSON SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES
9 ARMED FORCES. Provided, however, in the event any statistical informa-
10 tion on the ethnic background of the inmate population of a correctional
11 facility or facilities is collected by the department, such statistical
12 information shall contain, but not be limited to, the following ethnic
13 categories: (i) Caucasian; (ii) Asian; (iii) American Indian; (iv)
14 Afro-American/Black; and (v) Spanish speaking/Hispanic which category
15 shall include, but not be limited to, the following subcategories
16 consisting of: (1) Puerto Ricans; (2) Cubans; (3) Dominicans; and (4)
17 other Hispanic nationalities.

18 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
19 it shall have become a law; provided, that any rules and regulations
20 necessary for the timely implementation of this act on its effective
21 date shall be promulgated on or before such date.