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Introduced by M. of A. GIGLIO, FINCH, MONTESANO, CROUCH, HAWLEY -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. TENNEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to commencing a study on how to enhance safety and maximize efficiency throughout the department of corrections; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Section 45 of the correction law is amended by adding a new subdivision 11 to read as follows:

11. (A) CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON HOW TO ENHANCE SAFETY AND MAXIMIZE EFFICIENCIES THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT. SUCH STUDY SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO: DETERMINING THE MOST ACCURATE WAY TO REPORT PRISON PERCENTAGE OF OCCUPANCY DATA; ASSESSING THE CURRENT PRACTICE OF COUNTING TEMPORARY, INFIRMARY AND SPECIAL HOUSING UNIT BEDS AS PERMANENT BEDS; EXAMINING THE FEASIBILITY AND COST OF ELIMINATING THE PRACTICE OF DOUBLE BUNKING; ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATE INMATE-TO-OFFICER STAFFING RATIOS TO REDUCE PRISON VIOLENCE AND THE NUMBER OF UNUSUAL INCIDENTS; REVIEWING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADMINISTRATION IN ALBANY AND VERIFYING THE NECESSITY OF THESE POSITIONS; EVALUATING WHICH SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THE HUBS CAN ADMINISTER AND DETERMINING THE SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EACH ADMINISTRATOR; AND EXAMINING STATE-FUNDED HOUSING AND OTHER PUBLIC BENEFITS ALLEGEDLY PROVIDED TO SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS AND DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE PRACTICE SHOULD CONTINUE.

(B) COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE STATISTICAL AND OTHER INFORMATION AND UNDERTAKE RESEARCH, STUDIES, AND ANALYSIS, THROUGH THE PERSONNEL OF THE COMMISSION OR IN COOPERATION WITH ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENCY THAT IS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBDIVISION.

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

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(C) MAKE A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE AND MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY OF ITS FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON OR BEFORE JUNE THIRTIETH OF THE YEAR NEXT SUCCEEDING THE YEAR IN WHICH THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL TAKE EFFECT. SUCH REPORT SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on the first of July next succeeding the year in which it shall have become a law when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed.