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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. PERRY  
-- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to training for staff in residential mental health treatment units programs inside correctional facilities

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 401 of the correction law, as  
2     amended by section 5 of part A of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, is  
3     amended to read as follows:  
4     6. The department shall ensure that the curriculum for new [correction  
5     officers, and other new] department staff [who will regularly work in  
6     programs providing mental health treatment for inmates,] shall include  
7     at least eight hours of training about the types and symptoms of mental  
8     illnesses, the goals of mental health treatment, the prevention of  
9     suicide and training in how to effectively and safely manage inmates  
10    with mental illness. Such training may be provided by the office of  
11    mental health or the justice center for the protection of people with  
12    special needs. All department staff who are transferring into a residen-  
13    tial mental health treatment unit shall receive a minimum of eight addi-  
14    tional hours of such training[, and]. ALL SECURITY, PROGRAM SERVICES,  
15    MENTAL HEALTH, AND MEDICAL STAFF WITH DIRECT INMATE CONTACT SHALL  
16    RECEIVE A MINIMUM OF eight hours of [annual] SUCH training [as long as  
17    they work in such a unit] EACH YEAR. The department shall provide addi-  
18    tional training on these topics on an ongoing basis as it deems appro-  
19    priate.  
20    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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