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AN ACT to amend the correction law, the executive law, the mental hygiene law, the penal law and the social services law, in relation to the residence of a sex offender

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

1     Section 1. Section 168-c of the correction law is amended by adding a  
2     new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:  
3     2-A. UPON NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISIONS ONE OR TWO OF THIS  
4     SECTION, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE DIVISION TO CONFIRM THAT A SEX  
5     OFFENDER'S PROPOSED RESIDENCE IS NOT WITHIN THE AREA DEFINED AS SCHOOL  
6     GROUNDS, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FOURTEEN OF SECTION  
7     220.00 OF THE PENAL LAW, OR A PLAYGROUND, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN  
8     SUBDIVISION TWENTY-TWO OF SECTION 10.00 OF THE PENAL LAW, THE MEASURE-  
9     MENTS TO BE TAKEN IN STRAIGHT LINES FROM THE CENTER OF THE NEAREST  
10    ENTRANCE OF THE RESIDENCE TO THE NEAREST REAL PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE  
11    COMPRISING SUCH SCHOOL GROUNDS OR PLAYGROUND.  
12    S 2. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 168-d of the correction law,  
13    subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 684 of the laws of 2005, and subdi-  
14    vision 3 as amended by chapter 11 of the laws of 2002, are amended to  
15    read as follows:  
16    2. Any sex offender, who is released on probation or discharged upon  
17    payment of a fine, conditional discharge or unconditional discharge  
18    shall, prior to such release or discharge, be informed of his or her  
19    duty to register under this article by the court in which he or she was  
20    convicted. At the time sentence is imposed, such sex offender shall  
21    register with the division on a form prepared by the division. The court  
22    shall require the sex offender to read and sign such form and to

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

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1 complete the registration portion of such form. The court shall on such  
2 form obtain the address where the sex offender expects to reside upon  
3 his or her release, and the name and address of any institution of high-  
4 er education he or she expects to be employed by, enrolled in, attending  
5 or employed, whether for compensation or not, and whether he or she  
6 expects to reside in a facility owned or operated by such an institu-  
7 tion, and shall report such information to the division. The court shall  
8 give one copy of the form to the sex offender and shall send two copies  
9 to the division which shall forward the information to the law enforce-  
10 ment agencies having jurisdiction. The court shall also notify the  
11 district attorney and the sex offender of the date of the determination  
12 proceeding to be held pursuant to subdivision three of this section,  
13 which shall be held at least forty-five days after such notice is given.  
14 This notice shall include the following statement or a substantially  
15 similar statement: "This proceeding is being held to determine whether  
16 you will be classified as a level 3 offender (risk of repeat offense is  
17 high), a level 2 offender (risk of repeat offense is moderate), or a  
18 level 1 offender (risk of repeat offense is low), or whether you will be  
19 designated as a sexual predator, a sexually violent offender or a predi-  
20 cate sex offender, which will determine how long you must register as a  
21 sex offender, WHERE YOU MAY RESIDE, WORK OR TRAVEL, and how much infor-  
22 mation can be provided to the public concerning your registration. If  
23 you fail to appear at this proceeding, without sufficient excuse, it  
24 shall be held in your absence. Failure to appear may result in a longer  
25 period of registration or a higher level of community notification  
26 because you are not present to offer evidence or contest evidence  
27 offered by the district attorney." The court shall also advise the sex  
28 offender that he or she has a right to a hearing prior to the court's  
29 determination, that he or she has the right to be represented by counsel  
30 at the hearing and that counsel will be appointed if he or she is finan-  
31 cially unable to retain counsel. If the sex offender applies for assign-  
32 ment of counsel to represent him or her at the hearing and counsel was  
33 not previously assigned to represent the sex offender in the underlying  
34 criminal action, the court shall determine whether the offender is  
35 financially unable to retain counsel. If such a finding is made, the  
36 court shall assign counsel to represent the sex offender pursuant to  
37 article eighteen-B of the county law. Where the court orders a sex  
38 offender released on probation, such order must include a provision  
39 requiring that he or she comply with the requirements of this article.  
40 Where such sex offender violates such provision, probation may be imme-  
41 diately revoked in the manner provided by article four hundred ten of  
42 the criminal procedure law.

43 3. For sex offenders released on probation or discharged upon payment  
44 of a fine, conditional discharge or unconditional discharge, it shall be  
45 the duty of the court applying the guidelines established in subdivision  
46 five of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article to determine  
47 the level of notification pursuant to subdivision six of section one  
48 hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article and whether such sex offender  
49 shall be designated a sexual predator, sexually violent offender, or  
50 predicate sex offender as defined in subdivision seven of section one  
51 hundred sixty-eight-a of this article. At least fifteen days prior to  
52 the determination proceeding, the district attorney shall provide to the  
53 court and the sex offender a written statement setting forth the deter-  
54 minations sought by the district attorney together with the reasons for  
55 seeking such determinations. The court shall allow the sex offender to  
56 appear and be heard. The state shall appear by the district attorney, or

1 his or her designee, who shall bear the burden of proving the facts  
2 supporting the determinations sought by clear and convincing evidence.  
3 Where there is a dispute between the parties concerning the determi-  
4 nations, the court shall adjourn the hearing as necessary to permit the  
5 sex offender or the district attorney to obtain materials relevant to  
6 the determinations from any state or local facility, hospital, institu-  
7 tion, office, agency, department or division. Such materials may be  
8 obtained by subpoena if not voluntarily provided to the requesting  
9 party. In making the determinations, the court shall review any victim's  
10 statement and any relevant materials and evidence submitted by the sex  
11 offender and the district attorney and the court may consider reliable  
12 hearsay evidence submitted by either party provided that it is relevant  
13 to the determinations. Facts previously proven at trial or elicited at  
14 the time of entry of a plea of guilty shall be deemed established by  
15 clear and convincing evidence and shall not be relitigated. The court  
16 shall render an order setting forth its determinations and the findings  
17 of fact and conclusions of law on which the determinations are based,  
18 SUCH ORDER SHALL ALSO INCLUDE ANY CONDITIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE  
19 IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 65.10 OF THE PENAL LAW. A copy of the order  
20 shall be submitted by the court to the division. Upon application of  
21 either party, the court shall seal any portion of the court file or  
22 record which contains material that is confidential under any state or  
23 federal statute. Either party may appeal as of right from the order  
24 pursuant to the provisions of articles fifty-five, fifty-six and fifty-  
25 seven of the civil practice law and rules. Where counsel has been  
26 assigned to represent the sex offender upon the ground that the sex  
27 offender is financially unable to retain counsel, that assignment shall  
28 be continued throughout the pendency of the appeal, and the person may  
29 appeal as a poor person pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county  
30 law.

31 S 3. Section 168-f of the correction law is amended by adding a new  
32 subdivision 4-a to read as follows:

33 4-A. A SEX OFFENDER WHO HAS ESTABLISHED A RESIDENCE SHALL NOT CHANGE  
34 SAID RESIDENCE SO AS TO RESIDE WITHIN THE AREA DEFINED AS SCHOOL  
35 GROUNDS, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FOURTEEN OF SECTION  
36 220.00 OF THE PENAL LAW, OR A PLAYGROUND, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN  
37 SUBDIVISION TWENTY-TWO OF SECTION 10.00 OF THE PENAL LAW, THE MEASURE-  
38 MENTS TO BE TAKEN IN STRAIGHT LINES FROM THE CENTER OF THE NEAREST  
39 ENTRANCE OF THE RESIDENCE TO THE REAL PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE COMPRISING  
40 SUCH SCHOOL GROUNDS OR PLAYGROUND.

41 S 4. Subdivision 2 of section 168-k of the correction law, as amended  
42 by chapter 684 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

43 2. The division shall advise the board that the sex offender has  
44 established residence in this state. The board shall determine whether  
45 the sex offender is required to register with the division. If it is  
46 determined that the sex offender is required to register, the division  
47 shall notify the sex offender of his or her duty to register under this  
48 article and shall require the sex offender to sign a form as may be  
49 required by the division acknowledging that the duty to register and the  
50 procedure for registration has been explained to the sex offender. The  
51 division shall obtain on such form the address where the sex offender  
52 expects to reside within the state and the sex offender shall retain one  
53 copy of the form and send two copies to the division which shall provide  
54 the information to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where  
55 the sex offender expects to reside within this state. No later than  
56 thirty days prior to the board making a recommendation, the sex offender

1 shall be notified that his or her case is under review and that he or  
2 she is permitted to submit to the board any information relevant to the  
3 review. After reviewing any information obtained, and applying the  
4 guidelines established in subdivision five of section one hundred  
5 sixty-eight-1 of this article, the board shall within sixty calendar  
6 days make a recommendation regarding the level of notification pursuant  
7 to subdivision six of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article  
8 and whether such sex offender shall be designated a sexual predator,  
9 sexually violent offender, or predicate sex offender as defined in  
10 subdivision seven of section one hundred sixty-eight-a of this article.  
11 This recommendation shall be confidential and shall not be available for  
12 public inspection. It shall be submitted by the board to the county  
13 court or supreme court and to the district attorney in the county of  
14 residence of the sex offender and to the sex offender. It shall be the  
15 duty of the county court or supreme court in the county of residence of  
16 the sex offender, applying the guidelines established in subdivision  
17 five of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article, to determine  
18 the level of notification pursuant to subdivision six of section one  
19 hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article and whether such sex offender  
20 shall be designated a sexual predator, sexually violent offender, or  
21 predicate sex offender as defined in subdivision seven of section one  
22 hundred sixty-eight-a of this article. At least thirty days prior to the  
23 determination proceeding, such court shall notify the district attorney  
24 and the sex offender, in writing, of the date of the determination  
25 proceeding and the court shall also provide the district attorney and  
26 sex offender with a copy of the recommendation received from the board  
27 and any statement of the reasons for the recommendation received from  
28 the board. This notice shall include the following statement or a  
29 substantially similar statement: "This proceeding is being held to  
30 determine whether you will be classified as a level 3 offender (risk of  
31 repeat offense is high), a level 2 offender (risk of repeat offense is  
32 moderate), or a level 1 offender (risk of repeat offense is low), or  
33 whether you will be designated as a sexual predator, a sexually violent  
34 offender or a predicate sex offender, which will determine how long you  
35 must register as a sex offender, WHERE YOU MAY RESIDE, WORK OR TRAVEL,  
36 and how much information can be provided to the public concerning your  
37 registration. If you fail to appear at this proceeding, without suffi-  
38 cient excuse, it shall be held in your absence. Failure to appear may  
39 result in a longer period of registration or a higher level of community  
40 notification because you are not present to offer evidence or contest  
41 evidence offered by the district attorney." The court shall also advise  
42 the sex offender that he or she has a right to a hearing prior to the  
43 court's determination, that he or she has the right to be represented by  
44 counsel at the hearing and that counsel will be appointed if he or she  
45 is financially unable to retain counsel. A returnable form shall be  
46 enclosed in the court's notice to the sex offender on which the sex  
47 offender may apply for assignment of counsel. If the sex offender  
48 applies for assignment of counsel and the court finds that the offender  
49 is financially unable to retain counsel, the court shall assign counsel  
50 to represent the sex offender pursuant to article eighteen-B of the  
51 county law. If the district attorney seeks a determination that differs  
52 from the recommendation submitted by the board, at least ten days prior  
53 to the determination proceeding the district attorney shall provide to  
54 the court and the sex offender a statement setting forth the determi-  
55 nations sought by the district attorney together with the reasons for  
56 seeking such determinations. The court shall allow the sex offender to

1 appear and be heard. The state shall appear by the district attorney, or  
2 his or her designee, who shall bear the burden of proving the facts  
3 supporting the determinations sought by clear and convincing evidence.  
4 It shall be the duty of the court applying the guidelines established in  
5 subdivision five of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article to  
6 determine the level of notification pursuant to subdivision six of  
7 section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of this article and whether such sex  
8 offender shall be designated a sexual predator, sexually violent offen-  
9 der, or predicate sex offender as defined in subdivision seven of  
10 section one hundred sixty-eight-a of this article. Where there is a  
11 dispute between the parties concerning the determinations, the court  
12 shall adjourn the hearing as necessary to permit the sex offender or the  
13 district attorney to obtain materials relevant to the determinations  
14 from the state board of examiners of sex offenders or any state or local  
15 facility, hospital, institution, office, agency, department or division.  
16 Such materials may be obtained by subpoena if not voluntarily provided  
17 to the requesting party. In making the determinations the court shall  
18 review any victim's statement and any relevant materials and evidence  
19 submitted by the sex offender and the district attorney and the recom-  
20 mendation and any material submitted by the board, and may consider  
21 reliable hearsay evidence submitted by either party, provided that it is  
22 relevant to the determinations. If available, facts proven at trial or  
23 elicited at the time of a plea of guilty shall be deemed established by  
24 clear and convincing evidence and shall not be relitigated. The court  
25 shall render an order setting forth its determinations and the findings  
26 of fact and conclusions of law on which the determinations are based,  
27 SUCH ORDER SHALL ALSO INCLUDE ANY CONDITIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE  
28 IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 65.10 OF THE PENAL LAW. A copy of the order  
29 shall be submitted by the court to the division. Upon application of  
30 either party, the court shall seal any portion of the court file or  
31 record which contains material that is confidential under any state or  
32 federal statute. Either party may appeal as of right from the order  
33 pursuant to the provisions of articles fifty-five, fifty-six and fifty-  
34 seven of the civil practice law and rules. Where counsel has been  
35 assigned to represent the sex offender upon the ground that the sex  
36 offender is financially unable to retain counsel, that assignment shall  
37 be continued throughout the pendency of the appeal, and the person may  
38 appeal as a poor person pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county  
39 law.

40 S 5. Subdivision 3 of section 168-n of the correction law, as amended  
41 by chapter 684 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

42 3. No later than thirty days prior to the board's recommendation, the  
43 sex offender shall be notified that his or her case is under review and  
44 that he or she is permitted to submit to the board any information rele-  
45 vant to the review. Upon receipt of the board's recommendation, the  
46 sentencing court shall determine whether the sex offender was previously  
47 found to be eligible for assigned counsel in the underlying case. Where  
48 such a finding was previously made, the court shall assign counsel to  
49 represent the offender, pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county  
50 law. At least twenty days prior to the determination proceeding, the  
51 sentencing court shall notify the district attorney, the sex offender  
52 and the sex offender's counsel, in writing, of the date of the determi-  
53 nation proceeding and shall also provide the district attorney, the sex  
54 offender and the sex offender's counsel with a copy of the recommenda-  
55 tion received from the board and any statement of the reasons for the  
56 recommendation received from the board. This notice shall include the

1 following statement or a substantially similar statement: "This  
2 proceeding is being held to determine whether you will be classified as  
3 a level 3 offender (risk of repeat offense is high), a level 2 offender  
4 (risk of repeat offense is moderate), or a level 1 offender (risk of  
5 repeat offense is low), or whether you will be designated as a sexual  
6 predator, a sexually violent offender or a predicate sex offender, which  
7 will determine how long you must register as a sex offender, WHERE YOU  
8 MAY RESIDE, WORK OR TRAVEL, and how much information can be provided to  
9 the public concerning your registration. If you fail to appear at this  
10 proceeding, without sufficient excuse, it shall be held in your absence.  
11 Failure to appear may result in a longer period of registration or a  
12 higher level of community notification because you are not present to  
13 offer evidence or contest evidence offered by the district attorney."  
14 The written notice to the sex offender shall also advise the offender  
15 that he or she has a right to a hearing prior to the court's determi-  
16 nation, and that he or she has the right to be represented by counsel at  
17 the hearing. If counsel has been assigned to represent the offender at  
18 the determination proceeding, the notice shall also provide the name,  
19 address and telephone number of the assigned counsel. Where counsel has  
20 not been assigned, the notice shall advise the sex offender that counsel  
21 will be appointed if he or she is financially unable to retain counsel,  
22 and a returnable form shall be enclosed in the court's notice to the sex  
23 offender on which the sex offender may apply for assignment of counsel.  
24 If the sex offender applies for assignment of counsel and the court  
25 finds that the offender is financially unable to retain counsel, the  
26 court shall assign counsel to represent the sex offender pursuant to  
27 article eighteen-B of the county law. If the district attorney seeks a  
28 determination that differs from the recommendation submitted by the  
29 board, at least ten days prior to the determination proceeding the  
30 district attorney shall provide to the court and the sex offender a  
31 statement setting forth the determinations sought by the district attor-  
32 ney together with the reasons for seeking such determinations. The court  
33 shall allow the sex offender to appear and be heard. The state shall  
34 appear by the district attorney, or his or her designee, who shall bear  
35 the burden of proving the facts supporting the determinations sought by  
36 clear and convincing evidence. Where there is a dispute between the  
37 parties concerning the determinations, the court shall adjourn the hear-  
38 ing as necessary to permit the sex offender or the district attorney to  
39 obtain materials relevant to the determinations from the state board of  
40 examiners of sex offenders or any state or local facility, hospital,  
41 institution, office, agency, department or division. Such materials may  
42 be obtained by subpoena if not voluntarily provided to the requesting  
43 party. In making the determinations the court shall review any victim's  
44 statement and any relevant materials and evidence submitted by the sex  
45 offender and the district attorney and the recommendation and any mate-  
46 rials submitted by the board, and may consider reliable hearsay evidence  
47 submitted by either party, provided that it is relevant to the determi-  
48 nations. Facts previously proven at trial or elicited at the time of  
49 entry of a plea of guilty shall be deemed established by clear and  
50 convincing evidence and shall not be relitigated. The court shall render  
51 an order setting forth its determinations and the findings of fact and  
52 conclusions of law on which the determinations are based, SUCH ORDER  
53 SHALL ALSO INCLUDE ANY CONDITIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE IMPOSED PURSU-  
54 ANT TO SECTION 65.10 OF THE PENAL LAW. A copy of the order shall be  
55 submitted by the court to the division. Upon application of either  
56 party, the court shall seal any portion of the court file or record

1 which contains material that is confidential under any state or federal  
2 statute. Either party may appeal as of right from the order pursuant to  
3 the provisions of articles fifty-five, fifty-six and fifty-seven of the  
4 civil practice law and rules. Where counsel has been assigned to repre-  
5 sent the sex offender upon the ground that the sex offender is finan-  
6 cially unable to retain counsel, that assignment shall be continued  
7 throughout the pendency of the appeal, and the person may appeal as a  
8 poor person pursuant to article eighteen-B of the county law.

9 S 6. Subdivision 1 of section 203 of the correction law, as added by  
10 section 32 of subpart A of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 1. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations that shall  
13 include guidelines and procedures on the placement of sex offenders  
14 designated as level two or level three offenders pursuant to article  
15 six-C of this chapter, PROVIDED THAT SUCH GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES  
16 SHALL PROHIBIT THE PLACEMENT OF SUCH SEX OFFENDERS WITHIN THE AREA  
17 DEFINED AS SCHOOL GROUNDS, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FOUR-  
18 TEEN OF SECTION 220.00 OF THE PENAL LAW, OR A PLAYGROUND, AS SUCH TERM  
19 IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-TWO OF SECTION 10.00 OF THE PENAL LAW.  
20 Such regulations shall provide instruction on certain factors to be  
21 considered when investigating and approving the residence of level two  
22 or level three sex offenders released on presumptive release, parole,  
23 conditional release or post-release supervision. Such factors shall  
24 include the following:

25 (a) the location of other sex offenders required to register under the  
26 sex offender registration act, specifically whether there is a concen-  
27 tration of registered sex offenders in a certain residential area or  
28 municipality;

29 (b) the number of registered sex offenders residing at a particular  
30 property;

31 (c) the proximity of entities with vulnerable populations;

32 (d) accessibility to family members, friends or other supportive  
33 services, including, but not limited to, locally available sex offender  
34 treatment programs with preference for placement of such individuals  
35 into programs that have demonstrated effectiveness in reducing sex  
36 offender recidivism and increasing public safety; and

37 (e) the availability of permanent, stable housing in order to reduce  
38 the likelihood that such offenders will be transient.

39 S 7. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 209 to read  
40 as follows:

41 S 209. REGULATIONS FOR RELEASE OF SEX OFFENDERS DESIGNATED AS LEVEL  
42 ONE OFFENDERS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS  
43 THAT SHALL INCLUDE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES ON THE PLACEMENT OF SEX  
44 OFFENDERS DESIGNATED AS LEVEL ONE OFFENDERS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE SIX-C OF  
45 THIS CHAPTER WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE DEFINED IN ARTICLE  
46 ONE HUNDRED THIRTY, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE OR TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE,  
47 OR SECTION 255.25, 255.26 OR 255.27 OF THE PENAL LAW AND THE VICTIM OF  
48 SUCH OFFENSE WAS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AT THE TIME OF SUCH OFFENSE,  
49 PROVIDED THAT SUCH GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES SHALL PROHIBIT THE PLACE-  
50 MENT OF SUCH SEX OFFENDERS WITHIN ANY SCHOOL GROUNDS, AS SUCH TERM IS  
51 DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FOURTEEN OF SECTION 220.00 OF THE PENAL LAW, OR A  
52 PLAYGROUND, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-TWO OF SECTION  
53 10.00 OF THE PENAL LAW.

54 S 8. Subdivision 14 of section 259-c of the executive law, as amended  
55 by section 38-b of subpart A of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of  
56 2011, is amended to read as follows:

14. notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, where a person serving a sentence for an offense defined in article one hundred thirty, one hundred thirty-five or two hundred sixty-three of the penal law or section 255.25, 255.26 or 255.27 of the penal law and the victim of such offense was under the age of eighteen at the time of such offense or such person has been designated a level TWO OR LEVEL three sex offender pursuant to subdivision six of section one hundred sixty-eight-1 of the correction law, is released on parole or conditionally released pursuant to subdivision one or two of this section, the board shall require, as a mandatory condition of such release, that such sentenced offender shall refrain from knowingly entering into or upon any school grounds, as that term is defined in subdivision fourteen of section 220.00 of the penal law, [or] any other facility or institution primarily used for the care or treatment of persons under the age of eighteen while one or more of such persons under the age of eighteen are present, OR ANY PLAYGROUND, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-TWO OF SECTION 10.00 OF THE PENAL LAW, provided however, that when such sentenced offender is a registered student or participant or an employee of such facility or institution or entity contracting there-with or has a family member enrolled in such facility or institution, such sentenced offender may, with the written authorization of his or her parole officer and the superintendent or chief administrator of such facility, institution or grounds, enter such facility, institution or upon such grounds for the limited purposes authorized by the parole officer and superintendent or chief officer. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as restricting any lawful condition of supervision that may be imposed on such sentenced offender.

S 9. Subdivision 4 of section 243 of the executive law, as added by chapter 568 of the laws of 2008 and the opening paragraph as amended by section 17 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

4. The office shall recommend to the commissioner rules and regulations which shall include guidelines and procedures on the placement of sex offenders designated as level two or level three offenders pursuant to article six-C of the correction law, PROVIDED THAT SUCH RECOMMENDED RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL PROHIBIT THE PLACEMENT OF SUCH SEX OFFENDERS WITHIN THE AREA DEFINED AS SCHOOL GROUNDS, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FOURTEEN OF SECTION 220.00 OF THE PENAL LAW, OR A PLAYGROUND, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-TWO OF SECTION 10.00 OF THE PENAL LAW. Such regulations shall instruct local probation departments to consider certain factors when investigating and approving the residence of level two or level three sex offenders sentenced to a period of probation. Such factors shall include the following:

(a) the location of other sex offenders required to register under the sex offender registration act, specifically whether there is a concentration of registered sex offenders in a certain residential area or municipality;

(b) the number of registered sex offenders residing at a particular property;

(c) the proximity of entities with vulnerable populations;

(d) accessibility to family members, friends or other supportive services, including but not limited to locally available sex offender treatment programs with preference for placement of such individuals into programs that have demonstrated effectiveness in reducing sex offender recidivism and increasing public safety; and



1 (e) the availability of permanent, stable housing in order to reduce  
2 the likelihood that such offenders will be transient.

3 S 10. Subdivision (a) of section 10.11 of the mental hygiene law, as  
4 added by chapter 7 of the laws of 2007, paragraphs 1 and 2 as amended by  
5 section 118-e of subpart B of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (a) (1) Before ordering the release of a person to a regimen of strict  
8 and intensive supervision and treatment pursuant to this article, the  
9 court shall order that the department of corrections and community  
10 supervision recommend supervision requirements to the court. These  
11 supervision requirements, which shall be developed in consultation with  
12 the commissioner, SHALL INCLUDE A PROHIBITION AGAINST KNOWINGLY ENTERING  
13 INTO OR UPON ANY SCHOOL GROUNDS, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION  
14 FOURTEEN OF SECTION 220.00 OF THE PENAL LAW, ANY OTHER FACILITY OR  
15 INSTITUTION PRIMARILY USED FOR THE CARE OR TREATMENT OF PERSONS UNDER  
16 THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN WHILE ONE OR MORE OF SUCH PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF  
17 EIGHTEEN ARE PRESENT, OR A PLAYGROUND, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDI-  
18 VISION TWENTY-TWO OF SECTION 10.00 OF THE PENAL LAW, AND may include but  
19 need not be limited to, electronic monitoring or global positioning  
20 satellite tracking for an appropriate period of time, polygraph monitor-  
21 ing, specification of residence or type or residence, prohibition of  
22 contact with identified past or potential victims, strict and intensive  
23 supervision by a parole officer, and any other lawful and necessary  
24 conditions that may be imposed by a court. In addition, after consulta-  
25 tion with the psychiatrist, psychologist or other professional primarily  
26 treating the respondent, the commissioner shall recommend a specific  
27 course of treatment. A copy of the recommended requirements for super-  
28 vision and treatment shall be given to the attorney general and the  
29 respondent and his or her counsel a reasonable time before the court  
30 issues its written order pursuant to this section.

31 (2) Before issuing its written order, the court shall afford the  
32 parties an opportunity to be heard, and shall consider any additional  
33 submissions by the respondent and the attorney general concerning the  
34 proposed conditions of the regimen of strict and intensive supervision  
35 and treatment. The court shall issue an order specifying the conditions  
36 of the regimen of strict and intensive supervision and treatment, which  
37 shall include A CONDITION THAT THE RESPONDENT SHALL REFRAIN FROM KNOW-  
38 INGLY ENTERING INTO OR UPON ANY SCHOOL GROUNDS, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED  
39 IN SUBDIVISION FOURTEEN OF SECTION 220.00 OF THE PENAL LAW, ANY OTHER  
40 FACILITY OR INSTITUTION PRIMARILY USED FOR THE CARE OR TREATMENT OF  
41 PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN WHILE ONE OR MORE OF SUCH PERSONS  
42 UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN ARE PRESENT, OR A PLAYGROUND, AS SUCH TERM IS  
43 DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-TWO OF SECTION 10.00 OF THE PENAL LAW,  
44 specified supervision requirements and compliance with a specified  
45 course of treatment. A written statement of the conditions of the regi-  
46 men of strict and intensive supervision and treatment shall be given to  
47 the respondent and to his or her counsel, any designated service provid-  
48 ers or treating professionals, the commissioner, the attorney general  
49 and the supervising parole officer. The court shall require the depart-  
50 ment of corrections and community supervision to take appropriate  
51 actions to implement the supervision plan and assure compliance with the  
52 conditions of the regimen of strict and intensive supervision and treat-  
53 ment AND TO INVESTIGATE AND APPROVE THE LOCATION OF THE RESPONDENT'S  
54 RESIDENCE. A regimen of strict and intensive supervision does not toll  
55 the running of any form of supervision in criminal cases, including but  
56 not limited to post-release supervision and parole.

1 S 11. Section 10.00 of the penal law is amended by adding a new subdi-  
2 vision 22 to read as follows:

3 22. "PLAYGROUND" MEANS (A) IN OR WITHIN ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE, PLAY-  
4 ING FIELD, OR LAND CONTAINED WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF LAND OWNED, LEASED  
5 OR MAINTAINED BY THE STATE OR ANY AGENCY OR MUNICIPALITY THEREOF OR BY  
6 ANY NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION THAT IS USED  
7 ON A REGULAR BASIS AS A RECREATION AREA FOR CHILDREN AND IS SO DESIG-  
8 NATED, OR (B) ANY AREA ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC LOCATED WITHIN ONE THOU-  
9 SAND FEET OF THE PERIMETER OF ANY SUCH PLAYGROUND OR ANY PARKED AUTOMO-  
10 BILE OR OTHER PARKED VEHICLE LOCATED WITHIN ONE THOUSAND FEET OF THE  
11 REAL PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE COMPRISING ANY SUCH PLAYGROUND. FOR THE  
12 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION AN "AREA ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC" SHALL MEAN  
13 SIDEWALKS, STREETS, PARKING LOTS, PARKS, STORES AND RESTAURANTS.

14 S 12. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 4-a of section 65.10 of the penal  
15 law, as amended by chapter 67 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 (a) When imposing a sentence of probation or conditional discharge  
18 upon a person convicted of an offense defined in article one hundred  
19 thirty, two hundred thirty-five or two hundred sixty-three of this chap-  
20 ter, or section 255.25, 255.26 or 255.27 of this chapter, and the victim  
21 of such offense was under the age of eighteen at the time of such  
22 offense or such person has been designated a level TWO OR LEVEL three  
23 sex offender pursuant to subdivision six of section [168-1] ONE HUNDRED  
24 SIXTY-EIGHT-L of the correction law, the court shall require, as a  
25 mandatory condition of such sentence, that such sentenced offender shall  
26 refrain from knowingly entering into or upon any school grounds, as that  
27 term is defined in subdivision fourteen of section 220.00 of this chap-  
28 ter, [or] any other facility or institution primarily used for the care  
29 or treatment of persons under the age of eighteen while one or more of  
30 such persons under the age of eighteen are present, OR ANY PLAYGROUND,  
31 AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-TWO OF SECTION 10.00 OF  
32 THIS CHAPTER, provided however, that when such sentenced offender is a  
33 registered student or participant or an employee of such facility or  
34 institution or entity contracting therewith or has a family member  
35 enrolled in such facility or institution, such sentenced offender may,  
36 with the written authorization of his or her probation officer or the  
37 court and the superintendent or chief administrator of such facility,  
38 institution or grounds, enter such facility, institution or upon such  
39 grounds for the limited purposes authorized by the probation officer or  
40 the court and superintendent or chief officer. Nothing in this subdivi-  
41 sion shall be construed as restricting any lawful condition of super-  
42 vision that may be imposed on such sentenced offender.

43 S 13. Subdivision 8 of section 20 of the social services law, as  
44 amended by section 150 of subpart B of part C of chapter 62 of the laws  
45 of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

46 8. (a) The office of temporary and disability assistance shall promul-  
47 gate rules and regulations for the administration of this subdivision.  
48 The rules and regulations shall provide for the conditions under which  
49 local social services officials determine the placement of applicants  
50 for and recipients of public assistance for whom a notice pursuant to  
51 section two hundred three of the correction law[,] has been received and  
52 who are:

53 (i) determined to be in immediate need of shelter; and

54 (ii) designated a level two or level three sex offender pursuant to  
55 article six-C of the correction law.

1 (b) When making determinations in regard to the placement of such  
2 individuals in shelter, local social services officials shall NOT PLACE  
3 SUCH INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE AREA DEFINED AS SCHOOL GROUNDS, AS SUCH TERM  
4 IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FOURTEEN OF SECTION 220.00 OF THE PENAL LAW,  
5 OR A PLAYGROUND, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-TWO OF  
6 SECTION 10.00 OF THE PENAL LAW, AND SHALL consider the following  
7 factors:

8 (i) the location of other sex offenders required to register pursuant  
9 to the sex offender registration act, specifically whether there is a  
10 concentration of registered sex offenders in a certain residential area  
11 or municipality;

12 (ii) the number of registered sex offenders residing at a particular  
13 property;

14 (iii) proximity of the entities with vulnerable populations;

15 (iv) accessibility to family members, friends or other supportive  
16 services, including but not limited to locally available sex offender  
17 treatment programs with preference for placement of such individuals  
18 into programs that have demonstrated effectiveness in reducing sex  
19 offender recidivism and increasing public safety; and

20 (v) investigation and approval of such placement by the department of  
21 corrections and community supervision.

22 S 14. This act shall take effect on the first of November next  
23 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.