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Introduced by M. of A. LENTOL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to the creation of an acute psychiatric bed registry

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 9.65 to read as follows:

§ 9.65 Acute psychiatric bed registry.

(a) The department shall develop and administer a web-based acute psychiatric bed registry to collect, aggregate, and display information about available acute beds in public and private inpatient psychiatric facilities and public and private residential crisis stabilization units to facilitate the identification and designation of facilities for the temporary detention and treatment of individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention pursuant to this article.

(b) The acute psychiatric bed registry created pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section shall:

1. Include descriptive information for every public and private inpatient psychiatric facility and every public or private crisis stabilization unit in the state, including contact information for the facility;

2. Provide real-time information about the number of beds available at each facility and, for each available bed, the type of patient that may be admitted, the level of security provided, and any other information that may be necessary to allow employees or designees of community services boards and employees of psychiatric facilities to identify appropriate facilities for detention and treatment of individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention pursuant to this article; and

3. Allow employees and designees of community services boards and employees of psychiatric facilities to perform searches of the registry

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

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to identify available beds that are appropriate for the detention and treatment of individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention.

(c) Every state facility, community services board, behavioral health authority, and private provider licensed by the department shall participate in the acute psychiatric bed registry established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section and shall designate an individual to submit information for inclusion in the acute psychiatric bed registry and serve as a point of contact for addressing requests for information related to data reported to the acute psychiatric bed registry. Information reported to the acute psychiatric bed registry shall be updated at least daily.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.