STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 23, 2018

Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to notice to local governments of the potential for significant service reductions at certain state-operated hospitals

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

Section 1. Paragraph 3 of subdivision (e) of section 7.17 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter 83 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3. provide for a mechanism which may reasonably be expected to provide notice to local governments, community organizations, employee labor organizations, managerial and confidential employees, consumer and advocacy groups of the potential for significant service reductions at such state-operated hospitals and state-operated research institutes at least twelve months **and at most twenty-four months** prior to commencing such service reduction, provided, however, that this requirement shall be deemed satisfied with respect to reductions at Central Islip Psychiatric Center, Gowanda Psychiatric Center, Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center, Kings Park Psychiatric Center, Willard Psychiatric Center and Manhattan Children's Psychiatric Center; and

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that any notice issued pursuant to paragraph 3 of subdivision (e) of section 7.17 of the mental hygiene law prior to the effective date of this act shall expire twelve months from the effective date of this act.

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

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