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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. BAILEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to the establishment of a program for the use of medication assisted treatment for inmates; and to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to the implementation of substance use disorder treatment and transition services in jails

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

1 Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 625
2 to read as follows:

3 § 625. Medication assisted treatment in correctional facilities. 1.
4 For purposes of this section "medication assisted treatment" means
5 treatment of chemical dependence or abuse and concomitant conditions
6 with medications requiring a prescription or order from an authorized
7 prescribing professional.

8 2. (a) The commissioner, in conjunction with the office of alcoholism
9 and substance abuse services, shall establish a program to be adminis-
10 tered at correctional facilities within the department in the state, for
11 the purpose of employing medication assisted treatment for inmates in
12 such facilities who are undergoing treatment for a substance use disor-
13 der. Such program shall include all forms of medication assisted treat-
14 ments approved for the treatment of a substance use disorder by the
15 Federal Food and Drug Administration for the duration of an inmate's
16 incarceration and shall provide an individualized treatment plan for
17 each participant. After a medical screening, inmates who are determined
18 to suffer from a substance use disorder, for which FDA approved
19 addiction medications exist shall be offered placement in the medication
20 assisted treatment program. Placement in such program shall not be
21 mandatory. Each participating inmate shall work with an authorized
22 specialist to determine an individualized treatment plan, including an
23 appropriate level of counseling. Decisions regarding type, dosage, or
24 duration of any medication regimen shall be made by a qualified health
25 care professional licensed or certified under title eight of the educa-
26 tion law who is authorized to administer such medication in conjunction
27 with the inmate.

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

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1 (b) i. Such program shall also include conditions for a reentry strat-
2 egy for inmates who have participated in medication assisted treatment.
3 Such strategy shall include, but not be limited to, providing each
4 participating inmate with information on available treatment facilities
5 in their area, information on available housing and employment
6 resources, and any other information that will assist the inmate in
7 continued recovery once released. Such program shall also assist the
8 inmate in Medicaid enrollment, prior to release.

9 ii. Such program shall provide participating inmates preparing for
10 release from prison with a one-week supply of any necessary medication,
11 where permissible under federal laws and regulations to continue their
12 medication assisted treatment in an effort to prevent relapse.

13 (c) Reentry planning and community supervision should include a colla-
14 borative relationship between clinical and parole staff including shar-
15 ing of accurate information regarding the inmate's participation in
16 medication assisted treatment to ensure that their medication is not
17 deemed illicit or illegal. Additionally, procedures shall be developed
18 to assist any reentrant who communicates a relapse with their parole
19 officer or who fails a drug test, to receive substance use disorder
20 support in lieu of arrest and/or incarceration.

21 3. The commissioner shall submit within one year of the effective date
22 of this section and annually thereafter, a report to the governor, the
23 temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly on the
24 effectiveness of the program established pursuant to this section. Such
25 reports shall include an analysis of the impact of such program on the
26 participating inmates, including factors such as institutional adjust-
27 ment, behavior infractions, reentry rates, HIV and hepatitis C treat-
28 ment, and program participation, among related relevant factors. The
29 reports shall also include the impact on institutional safety and
30 performance and any recommendations for additional legislative enact-
31 ments that may be needed or required to improve or enhance the program
32 as determined to be appropriate by the commissioner.

33 4. Participation in the medication assisted treatment program shall
34 not be withheld from a qualified inmate. An inmate may enter into such
35 program at any time during his or her incarceration. An inmate using
36 medication assisted treatment prior to such inmate's incarceration shall
37 be eligible to, upon request by such inmate, continue such treatment in
38 the medication assisted treatment program for any period of time during
39 the duration of such inmate's incarceration. No person shall be denied
40 participation in the program on the basis of a positive drug screening
41 upon entering custody or upon intake into the program; nor shall any
42 person receive a disciplinary infraction for such positive drug screen-
43 ing. No person shall be removed from, or denied participation in the
44 program on the basis of having received any disciplinary infraction: (a)
45 before entry into the program; or (b) during participation in the
46 program.

47 § 2. Section 45 of the correction law is amended by adding a new
48 subdivision 18 to read as follows:

49 18. Establish standards and guidelines for a program of medication
50 assisted treatment for inmates in county jails and/or county correction-
51 al facilities equivalent to the program established in state correction-
52 al facilities pursuant to section six hundred twenty-five of this chap-
53 ter and submit an annual report consistent with the requirements of
54 subdivision three of such section.

55 § 3. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section
56 19.18-c to read as follows:

1 § 19.18-c Corrections-based substance use disorder treatment and transi-
2 tion services.

3 1. The commissioner, in consultation with local governmental units,
4 county sheriffs, the New York city department of corrections and other
5 stakeholders, shall implement a jail-based substance use disorder treat-
6 ment and transition services program that supports the initiation, oper-
7 ation and enhancement of substance use disorder treatment and transition
8 services for persons with substance use disorder who are incarcerated in
9 jails.

10 2. The services to be provided by such program shall be in accordance
11 with plans developed by participating local governmental units, in
12 collaboration with county sheriffs and approved by the commissioner and
13 shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

14 (a) Alcohol, benzodiazepine, heroin and opioid withdrawal management;

15 (b) All forms of medication assisted treatments approved for the
16 treatment of a substance use disorder by the Federal Food and Drug
17 Administration. Decisions regarding type, dosage, or duration of any
18 medication regimen shall be made by a qualified health care professional
19 licensed or certified under title eight of the education law who is
20 authorized to administer such medication in conjunction with the inmate;

21 (c) Group and individual counseling and clinical support;

22 (d) Peer support;

23 (e) Discharge planning; and

24 (f) Re-entry and transitional supports.

25 3. (a) After a medical screening, inmates who are determined to suffer
26 from a substance use disorder for which medication assisted treatment
27 exists shall be offered placement in the medication assisted treatment
28 program. Placement in such program shall not be mandatory.

29 (b) Participation in the medication assisted treatment program shall
30 not be unreasonably withheld from a qualified inmate. An inmate using
31 medication assisted treatment prior to such inmate's incarceration shall
32 be eligible to, upon request by such inmate, continue such treatment in
33 the medication assisted treatment program for any period of time during
34 the duration of such inmate's incarceration.

35 (c) No person shall be denied participation in the program on the
36 basis of a positive drug screening upon entering custody or upon intake
37 into the program; nor shall any person receive a disciplinary infraction
38 for such positive drug screening. No person shall be removed from, or
39 denied participation in the program on the basis of having received any
40 disciplinary infraction: (1) before entry into the program; or (2)
41 during participation in the program.

42 4. Within amounts appropriated therefor, funding shall be made avail-
43 able pursuant to criteria established by the office of alcoholism and
44 substance abuse services in consultation with local governmental units,
45 which shall take into consideration the local needs and resources as
46 identified by local governmental units, the average daily jail popu-
47 lation, the average number of persons incarcerated in the jail that
48 require substance use disorder services and such other factors as may be
49 deemed necessary.

50 § 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day
51 after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition,
52 amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the
53 implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be
54 made on or before such date.