STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to oversight of substance abuse services in state prisons by the commissioner of alcoholism and substance abuse services

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

Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subdivision a of section 19.09 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding two new subparagraphs (A) and (B) to read as follows:

(A) The commissioner shall conduct periodic reviews of substance abuse treatment policies and programs operated by the department of corrections and community supervision. The purpose of such reviews shall be to ensure that policies and programs employ evidence-based and best practices and comply with standards established by the commissioner to the fullest extent possible within a correctional setting.

(B) Such reviews shall be conducted, at a minimum, every two years, and the commissioner shall file a written report with the governor and the legislature summarizing the results and setting forth recommendations deemed necessary by the commissioner for modifying, implementing, developing, or coordinating policies and programs in the department of corrections and community supervision. The first report shall be filed by the commissioner no later than January first, two thousand eighteen.

§ 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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