

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 9, 2018

Introduced by M. of A. WEPRIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to enrolling inmates into programs

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 259-1 of the executive law, as
2 amended by a chapter of the laws of 2017, amending the correction law
3 and the executive law relating to enrolling inmates into programs, as
4 proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 5494-A and A. 6353-B, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 1. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of corrections and commu-
7 nity supervision to ensure that all officers and employees of the
8 department shall at all times cooperate with the board of parole and
9 shall furnish to such members of the board and employees of the board
10 such information as may be appropriate to enable them to perform their
11 independent decision making functions. It is also his or her duty to
12 ensure that the functions of the board of parole are not hampered in any
13 way, including but not limited to: a restriction of resources including
14 staff assistance; limited access to vital information; and presentation
15 of inmate information in a manner that may inappropriately influence the
16 board in its decision making. Where an inmate has appeared before the
17 board prior to having completed any program assigned by the department,
18 and such program remains incomplete by no fault of the inmate, and where
19 the board has denied such inmate release pursuant to paragraph (a) of
20 subdivision two of section two hundred fifty-nine-i of this article, the
21 department shall prioritize such inmate's [~~immediate~~] placement into the
22 assigned program.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
24 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2017, amending the correction law and
25 the executive law relating to enrolling inmates into programs, as
26 proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 5494-A and A. 6353-B, takes
27 effect.

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

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