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AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to the autism detection and education program and mapping of autism locations

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions (d) and (e) of section 13.42 of the mental
2 hygiene law, as added by chapter 469 of the laws of 2016, are amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (d) (1) There is hereby created within the board the autism detection,
5 education and mapping program. This program is established to promote
6 screening and detection of autism, to educate the public regarding
7 autism, to provide counseling and referral services and to map locations
8 of occurrence of autism.

9 (2) The program shall include the:

10 (i) establishment of a statewide public education and outreach
11 campaign to publicize autism detection and education services, such
12 campaign shall include: general community education, autism screening
13 services, information on the extent of coverage for such services by
14 health insurance, any available medical assistance program and other
15 public and private programs.

16 (ii) provision of grants to approved organizations under subdivision
17 (e) of this section; and

18 (iii) compilation of data concerning the autism detection, education
19 and mapping program including mapping of the frequency of the occurrence

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

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1 of autism in various locations in the state and dissemination of the
2 data to the public.

3 (e) (1) The board shall make grants within the amounts appropriated to
4 approved organizations, as defined in paragraph two of this subdivision,
5 for the provision of services relating to autism screening, detection
6 and mapping as part of this program. Such services shall include but not
7 be limited to the:

8 (i) promotion and provision of detection of autism;

9 (ii) provision of counseling and information on treatment options and
10 referral for appropriate medical treatment;

11 (iii) dissemination of information to the general public and to health
12 care professionals concerning autism, the benefits of detection and
13 treatment, and the availability of autism services;

14 (iv) identification of local autism screening services within the
15 approved organization's region;

16 (v) provision of information, counseling and referral services to
17 individuals diagnosed with autism; and

18 (vi) mapping of the frequency of the occurrence of autism in various
19 locations of the state.

20 (2) For the purposes of this section, "approved organization" shall
21 mean an organization approved by the board, to provide services under
22 this subdivision. Such organizations shall include, but not be limited
23 to, the following:

24 (i) a hospital licensed under article twenty-eight of the public
25 health law;

26 (ii) a health maintenance organization licensed under article forty-
27 three of the insurance law or certified under article forty-four of the
28 public health law;

29 (iii) an organization with program expertise in autism related issues;

30 (iv) a county or city health department; or

31 (v) any combination of the above.

32 (3) The board shall develop recommendations for the implementation of
33 autism detection, education and mapping programs by approved organiza-
34 tions which shall ensure the following:

35 (i) integration of the approved organization with existing health care
36 providers;

37 (ii) maximizing third party reimbursement; and

38 (iii) providing data collection for mapping of the occurrence of
39 autism in various locations of the state.

40 (f) Such board shall meet at least quarterly. Special meetings may be
41 called by the chair. The agenda and meeting place of all regular or
42 special meetings shall be made available to the public in advance of
43 such meetings.

44 [~~(e)~~] (g) The advisory board shall submit a written report to the
45 governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the
46 assembly by no later than October first of the year next succeeding the
47 effective date of this section and annually thereafter, setting forth
48 the recommendations and activities of the council on matters within the
49 scope of its duties as set forth in this section. Such annual report
50 shall also include information concerning the operation of the autism
51 detection, education and mapping program, and the experience of the
52 program in providing detection, education and mapping of the frequency
53 of the occurrence of autism in various locations around the state.
54 Approved organizations shall provide such data and assessment as the
55 board may require for such report. Such report shall also include any

1 recommendations for additional action to respond to the high incidence
2 of autism in this state.

3 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
4 have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the
5 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary
6 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized
7 and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.