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Introduced by Sens. LANZA, HELMING, MARCHIONE, ROBACH -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes -- recommitted to the Committee on Codes in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged and said bill committed to the Committee on Rules -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to a third reading, passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to criminal street gang recruitment on school grounds

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

1 Section 1. Section 460.10 of the penal law is amended by adding four
2 new subdivisions 5, 6, 7 and 8 to read as follows:

3 5. "Criminal street gang" means any ongoing organization, association,
4 or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as
5 one of its primary activities the commission of one or more criminal
6 acts, which has an identifiable name or identifying sign or symbol, and
7 whose members individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in
8 criminal street gang activity.

9 6. "Criminal street gang member" means a person to whom two or more of
10 the following criteria apply:

11 (a) admits to criminal street gang membership;

12 (b) is identified as a criminal street gang member by a documented
13 reliable informant;

14 (c) resides in or frequents a particular criminal street gang's area
15 and adopts its style of dress, its use of hand signals or its tattoos
16 and associates with known criminal street gang members;

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

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1 (d) has been arrested more than once in the company of known criminal
2 street gang members for offenses which are consistent with usual crimi-
3 nal street gang activity;

4 (e) is identified as a criminal street gang member by physical
5 evidence, such as photographs or other documentation;

6 (f) has been stopped in the company of known criminal street gang
7 members four or more times;

8 (g) has been identified as a criminal street gang member by other law
9 enforcement agencies; or

10 (h) is identified as a criminal street gang member by a family member.

11 7. "Criminal street gang activity" means the commission or attempted
12 commission of, or solicitation or conspiracy to commit, two or more
13 criminal acts that:

14 (a) were committed on separate occasions within a five year period;

15 (b) are neither isolated incidents, nor so closely related and
16 connected in point of time or circumstance of commission as to consti-
17 tute a criminal offense or criminal transaction, as such terms are
18 defined in section 40.10 of the criminal procedure law; and

19 (c) further a criminal street gang by: (i) being related to one
20 another through a common scheme or plan; or (ii) were committed, solici-
21 ted, requested, importuned or intentionally aided by persons acting
22 with the mental culpability required for the commission of such criminal
23 acts and such person is a member of such criminal street gang.

24 8. "School grounds" means (a) in or on or within any building, struc-
25 ture, athletic playing field, playground or land contained within the
26 real property boundary line of a public or private elementary, parochi-
27 al, intermediate, junior high, vocational, or high school, or (b) any
28 area accessible to the public located within one thousand feet of the
29 real property boundary line comprising any such school or any parked
30 automobile or other parked vehicle located within one thousand feet of
31 the real property boundary line comprising any such school. For the
32 purpose of this subdivision, an "accessible area to the public" shall
33 mean sidewalks, streets, parking lots, parks, playgrounds, stores and
34 restaurants.

35 § 2. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 460.65 to read
36 as follows:

37 § 460.65 Criminal street gang recruitment on school grounds.

38 A person is guilty of criminal street gang recruitment on school
39 grounds when, on school grounds, he or she coerces, solicits, recruits
40 or induces another person to join or remain a member of a criminal
41 street gang, or conspires to do so.

42 Criminal street gang recruitment on school grounds is a class D felo-
43 ny.

44 § 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
45 have become a law.