STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 29, 2018

Introduced by Sen. JACOBS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to a family support and recovery services program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 19.18-b to read as follows:

§ 19.18-b Family support and recovery services demonstration program.

1. Within available appropriations, the commissioner shall develop a family support and recovery services program. This program shall provide family support and recovery services to adolescent and adult patients, and their families, during treatment, including, but not limited to, inpatient and outpatient treatment, and shall be available to such patients and their families for up to twelve months after completion of such treatment program. The commissioner shall identify where the family support and recovery services programs will be established; provided, however, that one such program shall be established in western New York and another such program shall be in Long Island.

2. Family support and recovery services shall include:

(a) treatment placement services;

(b) housing placement services;

(c) peer supports, including peer to peer support groups;

(d) employment support; and

(e) transportation assistance.

3. Not later than April first, two thousand twenty-one, the commissioner shall provide the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the senate standing committee on alcoholism and drug abuse and the chair of the assembly committee on alcoholism and drug abuse with written evaluation of the program. Such evaluation shall, at a minimum, address the overall effectiveness of this program, identify best practices for family support and recovery services provided under this program, and any additional family

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

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support and recovery services that may be appropriate within each type of program operated, regulated, funded, or approved by the office. The written evaluation shall be made available on the office's website.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed April 1, 2021.