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Introduced by M. of A. MOSLEY, ORTIZ, D'URSO, WEPRIN, TAYLOR, GOTTFRIED, HYNDMAN, O'DONNELL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the penal law, in relation to revocation of community supervision

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

1 Section 1. Section 259 of the executive law is amended by adding two  
2 new subdivisions 5 and 6 to read as follows:

3 5. "Releasee" means an individual released from an institution under  
4 the jurisdiction of the department into the community on temporary  
5 release, presumptive release, parole, conditional release, post-release  
6 supervision or medical parole.

7 6. "Technical violation" means any violation of a condition of commu-  
8 nity supervision other than a conviction for a felony offense or that  
9 has been proven to be a misdemeanor offense under section 121.11, 135.05  
10 or 135.45 or article 120 or 130 of the penal law.

11 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 70.40 of the penal law, paragraphs (a)  
12 and (b) as amended by section 127-h of subpart B of part C of chapter 62  
13 of the laws of 2011 and paragraph (c) as amended by chapter 478 of the  
14 laws of 1973, is amended and a new subdivision 4 is added to read as  
15 follows:

16 3. Delinquency. (a) When a person is alleged to have violated the  
17 terms of presumptive release or parole willfully for the purpose of  
18 permanently avoiding supervision by failing to notify his or her commu-  
19 nity supervision officer of a change in residence, failing to make  
20 office or written reports as directed, or leaving the state of New York  
21 or any other state to which the releasee is released or transferred, or  
22 any area defined in writing by his parole officer, without permission,  
23 and the state board of parole has declared such person to be delinquent,

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

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1 the declaration of delinquency shall interrupt the person's sentence as  
2 of the date of the delinquency and such interruption shall continue  
3 until the [~~return of the person to an institution under the jurisdiction~~  
4 ~~of the state department of corrections and community supervision]~~  
5 execution of the warrant.

6 (b) When a person is alleged to have violated the terms of his or her  
7 conditional release or post-release supervision willfully for the  
8 purpose of permanently avoiding supervision by failing to notify his or  
9 her community supervision officer of a change in residence, failure to  
10 make office or written reports as directed, or leaving the state of New  
11 York or any other state to which the releasee is released or trans-  
12 ferred, or any area defined in writing by his parole officer, without  
13 permission and has been declared delinquent by the parole board or the  
14 local conditional release commission having supervision over such  
15 person, the declaration of delinquency shall interrupt the period of  
16 supervision or post-release supervision as of the date of the delinquen-  
17 cy. For a conditional release, such interruption shall continue until  
18 the [~~return of the person to the institution from which he or she was~~  
19 ~~released or, if he or she was released from an institution under the~~  
20 ~~jurisdiction of the state department of corrections and community super-~~  
21 ~~vision, to an institution under the jurisdiction of that department.~~  
22 ~~Upon such return, the person shall resume service of his or her~~  
23 ~~sentence]~~ execution of the warrant. For a person released to post-re-  
24 lease supervision, the provisions of section 70.45 of this article shall  
25 apply.

26 (c) Any time spent by a person in custody from the time of [~~delinquen-~~  
27 ~~cy]~~ execution of a warrant pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision  
28 three of section two hundred fifty-nine-i of the executive law to the  
29 time service of the sentence resumes shall be credited against the term  
30 or maximum term of the interrupted sentence[~~, provided:~~

31 ~~(i) that such custody was due to an arrest or surrender based upon the~~  
32 ~~delinquency; or~~

33 ~~(ii) that such custody arose from an arrest on another charge which~~  
34 ~~culminated in a dismissal or an acquittal; or~~

35 ~~(iii) that such custody arose from an arrest on another charge which~~  
36 ~~culminated in a conviction, but in such case, if a sentence of imprison-~~  
37 ~~ment was imposed, the credit allowed shall be limited to the portion of~~  
38 ~~the time spent in custody that exceeds the period, term or maximum term~~  
39 ~~of imprisonment imposed for such conviction].~~

40 4. Earned time credits. (a) After a person has begun a period of  
41 community supervision pursuant to this section and section 70.45 of this  
42 article, such period shall be reduced by thirty days for every thirty  
43 days that such person does not violate a condition of his or her commu-  
44 nity supervision, provided the person is not subject to any sentence  
45 with a maximum term of life imprisonment. The calculation of earned time  
46 credit periods shall begin on the releasee's first day of community  
47 supervision and shall be awarded after each completed thirty day period.  
48 Any such awarded earned time credits shall be applied against such  
49 person's unserved portion of the maximum term, aggregate maximum term or  
50 period of post-release supervision for any current sentence.

51 (b) Earned time credits may be withheld or revoked only for the thir-  
52 ty-day period commencing from the date of violative behavior sustained  
53 at a final revocation hearing, except that earned time credits may be  
54 withheld or revoked for the entire time period during which a releasee  
55 absconded from supervision, as sustained at a final revocation hearing,  
56 and as defined in subparagraph (xii) of paragraph (f) of subdivision

1 three of section two hundred fifty-nine-i of the executive law. Earned  
2 time credits may not be earned during a period of incarceration imposed  
3 based on a sustained violation or new criminal conviction. After a  
4 sustained violation, the calculation of an earned time credit period  
5 shall recommence on the thirty-first day after the date of the violative  
6 behavior or, if the sustained violation resulted in a term of incarceration,  
7 on the day the releasee is restored to community supervision,  
8 whichever is later.

9 (c) When a person is subject to more than one period of community  
10 supervision, the reduction authorized in this subdivision shall be  
11 applied to every period of parole or conditional release to which the  
12 person is subject.

13 (d) Earned time credits shall be awarded to any person subject to  
14 community supervision at the time this legislation becomes effective  
15 retroactive to the initial date such person began his or her earliest  
16 current period of community supervision. If a releasee's current period  
17 of community supervision has been interrupted by a period of incarceration  
18 prior to the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand  
19 nineteen which added this subdivision and any portion of such period  
20 of incarceration would have been ineligible for incarceration if such  
21 chapter of the laws of two thousand nineteen which added this subdivi-  
22 sion had already been in effect, the department shall award retroactive  
23 earned time credits to the releasee for such ineligible portion of such  
24 period of incarceration. The department shall have six months from the  
25 effective date of this subdivision to calculate all retroactive earned  
26 time credits; however, the department of corrections and community  
27 supervision shall prioritize earned time credit calculations for releasees  
28 whose terms of community supervision are due to terminate before the  
29 conclusion of such six months. Retroactive earned time credits shall not  
30 be awarded to any releasee serving a term of incarceration for a  
31 sustained parole violation at the time of the effective date of the  
32 chapter of the laws of two thousand nineteen which added this subdivi-  
33 sion until the releasee is returned to community supervision.

34 § 3. Paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of subdivision 5 of section 70.45 of  
35 the penal law, as amended by section 127-j of subpart B of part C of  
36 chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:

37 (d) When a person is alleged to have violated a condition of post-re-  
38 lease supervision willfully for the purpose of permanently avoiding  
39 supervision by failing to notify community supervision officer of a  
40 change in residence, failure to make office or written reports as  
41 directed, or leaving the state of New York or any other state to which  
42 the releasee is released or transferred, or any area defined in writing  
43 by his or her parole officer, without permission and the department of  
44 corrections and community supervision has declared such person to be  
45 delinquent: (i) the declaration of delinquency shall interrupt the peri-  
46 od of post-release supervision; (ii) such interruption shall continue  
47 until the person is restored to post-release supervision; (iii) if the  
48 person is restored to post-release supervision without being returned to  
49 the department of corrections and community supervision, any time spent  
50 in custody from the date of delinquency until restoration to post-re-  
51 lease supervision shall first be credited to the maximum or aggregate  
52 maximum term of the sentence or sentences of imprisonment, but only to  
53 the extent authorized by subdivision three of section 70.40 of this  
54 article. Any time spent in custody solely pursuant to such delinquency  
55 after completion of the maximum or aggregate maximum term of the  
56 sentence or sentences of imprisonment shall be credited to the period of

1 post-release supervision, if any; and (iv) if the person is ordered  
2 returned to the department of corrections and community supervision, the  
3 person shall be required to serve the time assessment before being  
4 re-released to post-release supervision. [~~In the event the balance of  
5 the remaining period of post-release supervision is six months or less,  
6 such time assessment may be up to six months unless a longer period is  
7 authorized pursuant to subdivision one of this section. The~~] If the  
8 person is detained pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision three of  
9 section two hundred fifty-nine-i of the executive law pending prelimi-  
10 nary or revocation hearings, the time assessment shall commence upon the  
11 execution of the warrant. If a warrant was executed pursuant to para-  
12 graph (a) of subdivision three of section two hundred fifty-nine-i of  
13 the executive law but a trial court released the person pending prelimi-  
14 nary or revocation hearings, the time assessment shall commence upon the  
15 issuance of a determination after a final hearing that the person has  
16 violated one or more conditions of community supervision, and shall  
17 include the time period between execution of the warrant and release of  
18 the person pending preliminary or revocation hearings. If a releasee is  
19 detained on bail pursuant to section 530.10 of the criminal procedure  
20 law, the time assessment shall include any time the releasee spent in  
21 such detention. If a notice of violation was issued pursuant to subdivi-  
22 sion three of section two hundred fifty-nine-i of the executive law, the  
23 time assessment shall commence upon the issuance of a determination  
24 after a final hearing that the person has violated one or more condi-  
25 tions of supervision. While serving such assessment, the person shall  
26 not receive any good behavior allowance pursuant to section eight  
27 hundred three of the correction law. Any time spent in custody from the  
28 date of delinquency until return to the department of corrections and  
29 community supervision shall first be credited to the maximum or aggre-  
30 gate maximum term of the sentence or sentences of imprisonment, but only  
31 to the extent authorized by subdivision three of section 70.40 of this  
32 article. The maximum or aggregate maximum term of the sentence or  
33 sentences of imprisonment shall run while the person is serving such  
34 time assessment in the custody of the department of corrections and  
35 community supervision. Any time spent in custody solely pursuant to such  
36 delinquency after completion of the maximum or aggregate maximum term of  
37 the sentence or sentences of imprisonment shall be credited to the peri-  
38 od of post-release supervision, if any.

39 [~~(e) Notwithstanding paragraph (d) of this subdivision, in the event a  
40 person is sentenced to one or more additional indeterminate or determi-  
41 nate term or terms of imprisonment prior to the completion of the period  
42 of post-release supervision, such period of post release supervision  
43 shall be held in abeyance and the person shall be committed to the  
44 custody of the department of corrections and community supervision in  
45 accordance with the requirements of the prior and additional terms of  
46 imprisonment.~~

47 [~~(f) When a person serving a period of post-release supervision is  
48 returned to the department of corrections and community supervision  
49 pursuant to an additional consecutive sentence of imprisonment and with-  
50 out a declaration of delinquency, such period of post release super-  
51 vision shall be held in abeyance while the person is in the custody of  
52 the department of corrections and community supervision. Such period of  
53 post-release supervision shall resume running upon the person's re-re-  
54 lease.~~]

55 § 4. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section  
56 259-i of the executive law, as amended by chapter 545 of the laws of

1 2015, is amended and five new subparagraphs (iv), (v), (vi), (vii) and  
2 (viii) are added to read as follows:

3 (i) If the parole officer having charge of a presumptively released,  
4 paroled or conditionally released person or a person released to post-  
5 release supervision or a person received under the uniform act for out-  
6 of-state parolee supervision shall have [~~reasonable~~] probable cause to  
7 believe that such person has lapsed into criminal ways [~~or company~~], or  
8 has violated one or more conditions of his presumptive release, parole,  
9 conditional release or post-release supervision, such parole officer  
10 shall report such fact to a member of the board, or to any officer of  
11 the department designated by the board, and thereupon a written notice  
12 of violation may be issued, or if the person would be subject to rein-  
13 carceration pursuant to subparagraph (x) of paragraph (f) of this subdi-  
14 vision should the violation be sustained at a final revocation hearing a  
15 warrant may be issued for the retaking of such person and for his tempo-  
16 rary detention in accordance with the rules of the board unless such  
17 person has been determined to be currently unfit to proceed to trial or  
18 is currently subject to a temporary or final order of observation pursu-  
19 ant to article seven hundred thirty of the criminal procedure law, in  
20 which case no notice of violation or warrant shall be issued. The retak-  
21 ing and detention of any such person may be further regulated by rules  
22 and regulations of the department not inconsistent with this article. A  
23 warrant issued pursuant to this section shall constitute sufficient  
24 authority to the superintendent or other person in charge of any jail,  
25 penitentiary, lockup or detention pen to whom it is delivered to hold in  
26 temporary detention the person named therein~~], except that a warrant~~  
27 ~~issued with respect to a person who has been released on medical parole~~  
28 ~~pursuant to section two hundred fifty nine-r of this article and whose~~  
29 ~~parole is being revoked pursuant to paragraph (h) of subdivision four of~~  
30 ~~such section shall constitute authority for the immediate placement of~~  
31 ~~the parolee only into imprisonment in the custody of the department to~~  
32 ~~hold in temporary detention. A warrant issued pursuant to this section~~  
33 ~~shall also constitute sufficient authority to the person in charge of a~~  
34 ~~drug treatment campus, as defined in subdivision twenty of section two~~  
35 ~~of the correction law, to hold the person named therein, in accordance~~  
36 ~~with the procedural requirements of this section, for a period of at~~  
37 ~~least ninety days to complete an intensive drug treatment program~~  
38 ~~mandated by the board as an alternative to presumptive release or parole~~  
39 ~~or conditional release revocation, or the revocation of post-release~~  
40 ~~supervision, and shall also constitute sufficient authority for return~~  
41 ~~of the person named therein to local custody to hold in temporary~~  
42 ~~detention for further revocation proceedings in the event said person~~  
43 ~~does not successfully complete the intensive drug treatment program. The~~  
44 ~~board's rules shall provide for cancellation of delinquency and restora-~~  
45 ~~tion to supervision upon the successful completion of the program] for~~  
46 up to twenty-four hours pending a recognizance hearing pursuant to  
47 subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph. No notice of violation or warrant  
48 shall be issued due to a releasee being in the company of or fraterniz-  
49 ing with any person the releasee knows has a criminal record or knows  
50 has been adjudicated a youthful offender.

51 (iv) Upon execution of a warrant issued pursuant to this section, the  
52 authorized officer shall take the releasee to the local trial court for  
53 a recognizance hearing. Such recognizance hearing shall commence within  
54 twenty-four hours of the execution of the warrant.

55 (v) At a recognizance hearing, the department shall have the burden to  
56 demonstrate to the court that the executed warrant was properly issued

1 pursuant to this section and that the releasee is potentially subject to  
2 incarceration pursuant to paragraph (f) of this subdivision.

3 (vi) At a recognizance hearing, the court shall consider all available  
4 evidence of the releasee's employment, family and community ties includ-  
5 ing length of residency in the community, history of reporting in a  
6 timely fashion to a parole or supervisory officer, and other indicators  
7 of stability. At the conclusion of the recognizance hearing, the court  
8 shall release the releasee on his or her own recognizance unless the  
9 court finds on the record or in writing that release on recognizance  
10 will not reasonably assure the releasee's appearance at subsequent  
11 preliminary or revocation hearings. In such instances, the court shall  
12 release the releasee under non-monetary conditions, selecting the least  
13 restrictive alternative conditions that will reasonably assure the  
14 releasee's appearance at subsequent preliminary or revocation hearings.  
15 The court shall explain its choice of alternative conditions on the  
16 record or in writing. The releasee shall not be required to pay for any  
17 part of the cost of release under non-monetary conditions. The court may  
18 order that the releasee be detained pending preliminary or final revoca-  
19 tion hearings only upon a finding that the releasee currently presents a  
20 substantial risk of willfully failing to appear at the preliminary or  
21 final revocation hearings and that no non-monetary condition or combina-  
22 tion of conditions in the community will reasonably assure the  
23 releasee's appearance at the preliminary or final revocation hearings.

24 (vii) The alleged violator shall have a right to representation by  
25 counsel at the recognizance hearing. In any case, including when a court  
26 is called upon to evaluate the capacity of an alleged violator in a  
27 recognizance proceeding, where such person is financially unable to  
28 retain counsel, the criminal court of the city of New York, the county  
29 court or district court in the county where the violation is alleged to  
30 have occurred or where the hearing is held, shall assign counsel in  
31 accordance with the county or city plan for representation placed in  
32 operation pursuant to article eighteen-b of the county law.

33 (viii) If a releasee is brought to or appears in a trial court due to  
34 an arrest for any alleged felony or misdemeanor, and at any point the  
35 department issues a warrant for the same alleged criminal conduct, then  
36 the court's order pursuant to section 530.10 of the criminal procedure  
37 law shall control in determining whether the releasee shall be detained  
38 pending a preliminary or final revocation hearing, provided that at the  
39 time of the court's order, pursuant to section 530.10 of the criminal  
40 procedure law, the court was informed the releasee was subject to commu-  
41 nity supervision. Provided, however, that notwithstanding section 530.10  
42 of the criminal procedure law, the court may order that the releasee be  
43 detained pending preliminary or final revocation hearings upon a finding  
44 on the record or in writing that the releasee currently presents a  
45 substantial risk of willfully failing to appear at the preliminary or  
46 final revocation hearings and that no non-monetary condition or combina-  
47 tion of conditions in the community supervision will reasonably assure  
48 the releasee's appearance at the preliminary or final revocation hear-  
49 ings. If the criminal court imposes bail pursuant to section 530.10 of  
50 the criminal procedure law, and the releasee-defendant secures release  
51 by paying bail or by operation of law, then the releasee shall not be  
52 detained further based solely on the warrant issued by the department;  
53 provided, however, if the department issues a warrant for the same  
54 alleged criminal conduct after the court's order pursuant to section  
55 530.10 of the criminal procedure law and the department can demonstrate  
56 that at the time of such court's order the court was not informed the

1 releasee was subject to community supervision, then the court shall hold  
2 a recognizance hearing within twenty-four hours of the execution of the  
3 warrant.

4 § 5. Subparagraphs (i), (iii) and (iv) of paragraph (c) of subdivision  
5 3 of section 259-i of the executive law, subparagraph (i) as amended by  
6 section 11 of part E of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, and subpara-  
7 graphs (iii) and (iv) as amended by section 1 of part E of chapter 56 of  
8 the laws of 2007, are amended and two new subparagraphs (ix) and (x) are  
9 added to read as follows:

10 (i) [~~Within fifteen days after the warrant for retaking and temporary~~  
11 ~~detention has been executed, unless the releasee has been convicted of a~~  
12 ~~new crime committed while under presumptive release, parole, conditional~~  
13 ~~release or post-release supervision, the board of parole shall afford~~  
14 ~~the alleged presumptive release, parole, conditional release or post-re-~~  
15 ~~lease supervision violator a preliminary revocation hearing before a~~  
16 ~~hearing officer designated by the board of parole. Such hearing officer~~  
17 ~~shall not have had any prior supervisory involvement over the alleged~~  
18 ~~violate~~] (A) For any alleged technical violation for which a notice of  
19 violation was issued or a person was released on recognizance pursuant  
20 to subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the depart-  
21 ment shall within ten days of the issuance of the notice of violation or  
22 the order of release on recognizance afford the person a preliminary  
23 revocation hearing before a hearing officer designated by the depart-  
24 ment. Such hearing officer shall not have had any prior supervisory  
25 involvement over the alleged violator. Such hearing shall not be held at  
26 a correctional facility, detention center or local correctional facili-  
27 ty.

28 (B) For any alleged technical violation for which a court issued an  
29 order detaining a person pursuant to subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (a)  
30 of this subdivision and the person would be subject to reincarceration  
31 of up to thirty days or more pursuant to subparagraph (x) of paragraph  
32 (f) of this subdivision should the violation be sustained at a final  
33 revocation hearing, then within five days of the issuance of the order  
34 of detention the department shall afford such person a preliminary revo-  
35 cation hearing before a hearing officer designated by the department.  
36 Such hearing officer shall not have had any prior supervisory involve-  
37 ment over the alleged violator.

38 (C) For any alleged non-technical violation, within ten days of the  
39 execution of the warrant for the violation the department shall afford  
40 such person a preliminary hearing before a hearing officer designated by  
41 the department. Such hearing officer shall not have had any prior super-  
42 visory involvement over the alleged violator.

43 (iii) The alleged violator shall, [~~within three days of the execution~~  
44 ~~of the warrant] at the time a notice of violation is issued or at the  
45 time of a recognizance hearing, be given written notice of the time,  
46 place and purpose of the preliminary hearing [~~unless he or she is~~  
47 ~~detained pursuant to the provisions of subparagraph (iv) of paragraph~~  
48 ~~(a) of this subdivision. In those instances, the alleged violator will~~  
49 ~~be given written notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing~~  
50 ~~within five days of the execution of the warrant)], or if no preliminary  
51 hearing is required pursuant to this section, of the final revocation  
52 hearing. The notice shall state what conditions of [~~presumptive~~  
53 ~~release, parole, conditional release or post-release] community super-  
54 vision are alleged to have been violated, and in what manner; that such  
55 person shall have the right to appear and speak in his or her own  
56 behalf; that he or she shall have the right to introduce letters and~~~~~~

1 documents; that he or she may present witnesses who can give relevant  
2 information to the hearing officer; that he or she has the right to  
3 confront the witnesses against him or her; and that such person shall  
4 have the right to representation by counsel at any preliminary and final  
5 revocation hearings. Adverse witnesses may be compelled to attend the  
6 preliminary hearing unless the prisoner has been convicted of a new  
7 crime while on supervision or unless the hearing officer finds good  
8 cause for their non-attendance. As far as practicable or feasible, any  
9 additional documents having been collected or prepared that support the  
10 charge shall be delivered to the alleged violator.

11 (iv) [~~The preliminary hearing shall be scheduled to take place no~~  
12 ~~later than fifteen days from the date of execution of the warrant.~~] The  
13 standard of proof at the preliminary hearing shall be [~~probable cause~~] a  
14 preponderance of the evidence to believe that the [~~presumptive releasee,~~  
15 ~~parolee, conditional releasee or person under post-release supervision~~]  
16 releasee has violated one or more conditions of his or her [~~presumptive~~  
17 ~~release, parole, conditional release or post-release~~] community super-  
18 vision in an important respect. Proof of conviction of a crime committed  
19 while under supervision shall constitute [~~probable cause~~] prima facie  
20 evidence of a violation of a condition of community supervision for the  
21 purposes of this section.

22 (ix) If the hearing officer finds by a preponderance of the evidence  
23 that such person has violated one or more conditions of community super-  
24 vision in an important respect, the releasee shall, at the conclusion of  
25 the preliminary hearing be given written notice of the time, place and  
26 purpose of the final revocation hearing. The notice shall state what  
27 conditions of community supervision are alleged to have been violated,  
28 when, where and in what manner; that such person shall have the right to  
29 representation by counsel at any final revocation hearing; that such  
30 person shall have the right to appear and speak in his or her own  
31 behalf; that he or she shall have the right to introduce letters and  
32 documents; that he or she may present witnesses who can give relevant  
33 information to the hearing officer; that he or she has the right to  
34 confront the witnesses against him or her. As far as practicable or  
35 feasible, any additional documents having been collected or prepared  
36 that support the charge shall be delivered to the releasee. Adverse  
37 witnesses may be compelled to attend the final revocation hearing unless  
38 the prisoner has been convicted of a new crime while on supervision or  
39 unless the hearing officer finds good cause for their non-attendance.

40 (x) The alleged violator shall have a right to representation by coun-  
41 sel at the preliminary hearing. In any case, including when a court is  
42 called upon to evaluate the capacity of an alleged violator in a prelim-  
43 inary proceeding, where such person is financially unable to retain  
44 counsel, the criminal court of the city of New York, the county court or  
45 district court in the county where the violation is alleged to have  
46 occurred or where the hearing is held, shall assign counsel in accord-  
47 ance with the county or city plan for representation placed in operation  
48 pursuant to article eighteen-b of the county law.

49 § 6. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 3 of section 259-i of the executive  
50 law, as amended by section 11 of part E of chapter 62 of the laws of  
51 2003, subparagraph (v) as amended and subparagraph (xii) as added by  
52 chapter 545 of the laws of 2015 and subparagraph (x) as amended by  
53 section 38-f-1 of subpart A of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011,  
54 is amended to read as follows:



1 (f) (i) [~~Revocation hearings shall be scheduled to be held within~~  
2 ~~ninety days of the probable cause determination~~] For any releasee  
3 charged with a violation:

4 (A) If a court issued an order detaining such person pursuant to  
5 subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision and the person  
6 would be subject to reincarceration of up to seven days pursuant to  
7 subparagraph (x) of this paragraph should the violation be sustained at  
8 a final revocation hearing, then within two days of the issuance of the  
9 order of detention, the department shall afford such person a final  
10 revocation hearing in person before a hearing officer designated by the  
11 department. Such hearing officer shall not have had any prior supervisory  
12 involvement over the alleged violator. No preliminary revocation  
13 hearing shall be held in this instance.

14 (B) If a court issued an order detaining such person pursuant to  
15 subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision and the person  
16 would be subject to reincarceration of up to fifteen days pursuant to  
17 subparagraph (x) of this paragraph should the violation be sustained at  
18 a final revocation hearing, then within four days of the issuance of the  
19 order of detention, the department shall afford such person a final  
20 revocation hearing in person before a hearing officer designated by the  
21 department. Such hearing officer shall not have had any prior supervisory  
22 involvement over the alleged violator. No preliminary revocation  
23 hearing shall be held in this instance.

24 (C) If a court issued an order detaining such person pursuant to  
25 subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision and the person  
26 would be subject to reincarceration of up to thirty days or more pursu-  
27 ant to subparagraph (x) of this paragraph should the violation be  
28 sustained at a final revocation hearing, then within ten days after the  
29 issuance of the order of detention, the department shall afford such  
30 person a final revocation hearing in person before a hearing officer  
31 designated by the department. Such hearing officer shall not have had  
32 any prior supervisory involvement over the alleged violator.

33 (D) If a notice of violation was issued or such person was released on  
34 recognizance pursuant to subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (a) of this  
35 subdivision the department shall within thirty days of the issuance of  
36 the notice of violation or the order of release on recognizance afford  
37 the person a final revocation hearing in person before a hearing officer  
38 designated by the department. Such hearing officer shall not have had  
39 any prior supervisory involvement over the alleged violator. Such hear-  
40 ing shall not be held at a correctional facility, detention center or  
41 local correctional facility. The department shall have six months from  
42 the date of the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thou-  
43 sand nineteen that amended this paragraph to begin to hold such hearings  
44 at allowable locations.

45 (E) If such person is accused of a non-technical violation, the  
46 department shall within thirty days of the execution of the warrant  
47 afford such person a final revocation hearing in person before a hearing  
48 officer designated by the department. Such hearing officer shall not  
49 have had any supervisory involvement over the alleged violator.

50 (F) However, if an alleged violator requests and receives any post-  
51 ponement of his revocation hearing, or consents to a postponed revoca-  
52 tion proceeding initiated by the board, or if an alleged violator, by  
53 his actions otherwise precludes the prompt conduct of such proceedings,  
54 the time limit may be extended.

1 (ii) The revocation hearing shall be conducted by a presiding officer  
2 who may be a member or a hearing officer designated by the board in  
3 accordance with rules of the board.

4 (iii) Both the alleged violator and an attorney who has filed a notice  
5 of appearance on his behalf in accordance with the rules of the board of  
6 parole shall be given written notice of the date, place and time of the  
7 hearing [~~as soon as possible but at least fourteen days prior to the~~  
8 ~~scheduled date~~] pursuant to subparagraph (ix) of paragraph (c) of this  
9 subdivision.

10 (iv) The alleged violator shall be given written notice of the rights  
11 enumerated in subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (c) of this subdivision as  
12 well as of his right to present mitigating evidence relevant to restora-  
13 tion to presumptive release, parole, conditional release or post-release  
14 supervision and his right to counsel.

15 (v) The alleged violator shall [~~be permitted~~] have a right to repre-  
16 sentation by counsel at the revocation hearing. In any case, including  
17 when a superior court is called upon to evaluate the capacity of an  
18 alleged violator in a [~~parole~~] revocation proceeding, where such person  
19 is financially unable to retain counsel, the criminal court of the city  
20 of New York, the county court or district court in the county where the  
21 violation is alleged to have occurred or where the hearing is held,  
22 shall assign counsel in accordance with the county or city plan for  
23 representation placed in operation pursuant to article eighteen-B of the  
24 county law. He or she shall have the right to confront and cross-examine  
25 adverse witnesses, unless there is good cause for their non-attendance  
26 as determined by the presiding officer; present witnesses and documenta-  
27 tary evidence in defense of the charges; and present witnesses and docu-  
28 mentary evidence relevant to the question whether reincarceration of the  
29 alleged violator is appropriate.

30 (vi) At the revocation hearing, the charges shall be read and the  
31 alleged violator shall be permitted to plead not guilty, guilty, guilty  
32 with explanation or to stand mute. As to each charge, evidence shall be  
33 introduced through witnesses and documents, if any, in support of that  
34 charge. At the conclusion of each witness's direct testimony, he shall  
35 be made available for cross-examination. If the alleged violator intends  
36 to present a defense to the charges or to present evidence of mitigating  
37 circumstances, the alleged violator shall do so after presentation of  
38 all the evidence in support of a violation of presumptive release,  
39 parole, conditional release or post-release supervision.

40 (vii) All persons giving evidence at the revocation hearing shall be  
41 sworn before giving any testimony as provided by law.

42 (viii) At the conclusion of the hearing the presiding officer may  
43 sustain any or all of the violation charges or may dismiss any or all  
44 violation charges. He may sustain a violation charge only if the charge  
45 is supported by [~~a preponderance of the evidence adduced~~] clear and  
46 convincing evidence. Conduct that formed the basis of an arrest shall  
47 not form a basis of a sustained parole violation if a court has adjudi-  
48 cated the matter with an acquittal, adjournment in contemplation of  
49 dismissal, or violation.

50 (ix) If the presiding officer is not satisfied that there is [~~a~~  
51 ~~preponderance of~~] clear and convincing evidence in support of the  
52 violation, he shall dismiss the violation, cancel the delinquency and  
53 restore the person to presumptive release, parole, conditional release  
54 or post-release supervision.

55 (x) If the presiding officer is satisfied that there is [~~a preponder-~~  
56 ~~ance of~~] clear and convincing evidence that the alleged violator

1 violated one or more conditions of release in an important respect, he  
2 or she shall so find. For each violation found, other than absconding,  
3 the presiding officer shall direct that no earned time credits shall be  
4 awarded for the thirty day period commencing from the date of the  
5 sustained violation. For any absconding violation found, the presiding  
6 officer shall direct that no earned time credits shall be awarded for  
7 the entire time period during which a releasee was found to have  
8 absconded from supervision.

9 (xi) Incarceration shall not be imposed for any of the following  
10 violations: (A) positive drug test for drugs or a controlled substance  
11 without proper medical authorization, or possession of drug parapher-  
12 naliam, unless the releasee is subject to community supervision due to a  
13 conviction for driving while ability impaired at least in part by drugs  
14 pursuant to section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle and traffic  
15 law; (B) positive alcohol test or use or possession of alcohol, unless  
16 the releasee is subject to community supervision due to a conviction for  
17 driving while ability impaired at least in part by alcohol or while  
18 intoxicated pursuant to section eleven hundred ninety-two of the vehicle  
19 and traffic law; (C) failing to notify community supervision officer of  
20 a change in employment or program status; (D) failing to notify communi-  
21 ty supervision officer of a change in residence, absent clear and  
22 convincing evidence that the releasee acted willfully for the purpose of  
23 permanently avoiding supervision; (E) violating curfew; (F) failure to  
24 pay surcharges and fees, including fees imposed pursuant to section  
25 60.35 of the penal law, sections eighteen hundred nine and eighteen  
26 hundred nine-c of the vehicle and traffic law, or section 27.12 of the  
27 parks, recreation and historic preservation law; (G) failure to make  
28 office or written reports as directed, absent clear and convincing  
29 evidence that the releasee acted willfully for the purpose of permanent-  
30 ly avoiding supervision; (H) leaving the state of New York or any other  
31 state to which the releasee is released or transferred, or any area  
32 defined in writing by his parole officer, without permission, absent  
33 clear and convincing evidence that the releasee acted willfully for the  
34 purpose of permanently avoiding supervision; (I) failure to notify  
35 community supervision officer of contact with any law enforcement agen-  
36 cy, absent clear and convincing evidence that the releasee intended to  
37 hide evidence of his or others' behavior that constitutes a violation of  
38 the penal law; (J) failure to obey special conditions of community  
39 supervision, absent clear and convincing evidence that the failure poses  
40 a substantial risk to public safety and cannot be addressed safely in  
41 the community including with counseling or programming; and (K) obtain-  
42 ing a driver's license or driving a car with a valid driver's license,  
43 unless either action is explicitly prohibited by the person's  
44 conviction.

45 (xii) For each violation [so] found, the presiding officer may (A)  
46 direct that the [~~presumptive releasee, parolee, conditional releasee or~~  
47 ~~person serving a period of post release supervision]~~ releasee be  
48 restored to supervision; (B) as an alternative to reincarceration,  
49 direct the [~~presumptive releasee, parolee, conditional releasee or~~  
50 ~~person serving a period of post release supervision be placed in a~~  
51 ~~parole transition facility for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty~~  
52 ~~days and subsequent restoration to supervision]~~ releasee receive re-en-  
53 try services in the community from qualified nonprofit agencies; (C) [~~in~~  
54 ~~the case of presumptive releasees, parolees or conditional releasees,~~  
55 direct the violator's reincarceration [~~and fix a date for consideration~~  
56 ~~by the board for re-release on presumptive release, or parole or condi-~~

~~tional release, as the case may be; or (D) in the case of persons released to a period of post-release supervision, direct the violator's reincarceration up to the balance of the remaining period of post-release supervision, not to exceed five years; provided, however, that a defendant serving a term of post-release supervision for a conviction of a felony sex offense defined in section 70.80 of the penal law may be subject to a further period of imprisonment up to the balance of the remaining period of post-release supervision],~~ subject to the following limitations: (1) for absconding, which is defined as failing to notify his or her community supervision officer of a change in residence willfully for the purpose of permanently avoiding supervision; failure to make office or written reports as directed willfully for the purpose of permanently avoiding supervision; and leaving the state of New York or any other state to which the releasee is released or transferred, or any area defined in writing by his parole officer, without permission, willfully for the purpose of permanently avoiding supervision, up to seven days incarceration may be imposed for the first violation, up to fifteen days incarceration may be imposed for the second violation, and up to thirty days incarceration may be imposed for the third or any subsequent violation; (2) for all other technical violations for which incarceration may be imposed no period of reincarceration may be imposed for the first and second substantiated technical violations for which incarceration may be imposed; up to seven days reincarceration may be imposed for the third substantiated technical violation for which incarceration may be imposed; up to fifteen days reincarceration may be imposed for the fourth substantiated technical violation for which incarceration may be imposed; up to thirty days reincarceration may be imposed for the fifth and subsequent substantiated technical violations for which incarceration may be imposed; and (3) for non-technical violations, up to ninety days reincarceration may be imposed. If a warrant was executed pursuant to subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision and the person was detained pursuant to such subparagraph pending preliminary or revocation hearings, any period of incarceration imposed pursuant to this paragraph shall be counted from the date of the execution of the warrant. If a warrant was executed pursuant to subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision but a criminal court released the person pending preliminary or revocation hearings, any period of incarceration imposed pursuant to this paragraph shall be counted from the date of issuance of a determination after a final hearing that the person has violated one or more conditions of community supervision, and the time between execution of the warrant and release of the person pending preliminary or revocation hearings shall count toward the period of reincarceration imposed pursuant to this paragraph. If a releasee is detained on bail or committed to the custody of the sheriff pursuant to section 530.10 of the criminal procedure law, any time the person spent confined in jail shall count towards any period of incarceration imposed pursuant to this paragraph. In all cases, the presiding officer shall impose the least restrictive reasonable sanction. Any periods of reincarceration shall run concurrently if more than one violation is adjudicated. If a period of incarceration is imposed pursuant to this paragraph, the releasee shall be released from custody upon expiration of the period or the end of the releasee's period of community supervision, whichever shall be sooner. For the violator serving an indeterminate sentence who while re-incarcerated has not been found by the department to have committed a serious disciplinary infraction, such violator shall be re-released on the date fixed at the revocation hearing. For the

1 violator serving an indeterminate sentence who has been found by the  
2 department to have committed a serious disciplinary infraction while  
3 re-incarcerated, the department shall refer the violator to the board  
4 for consideration for re-release to community supervision. Upon such  
5 referral the board may waive the personal interview between a member or  
6 members of the board and the violator to determine the suitability for  
7 re-release when the board directs that the violator be re-released upon  
8 expiration of the time assessment. The board shall retain the authority  
9 to suspend the date fixed for re-release based on the violator's commis-  
10 sion of a serious disciplinary infraction and shall in such case require  
11 a personal interview be conducted within a reasonable time between a  
12 panel of members of the board and the violator to determine suitability  
13 for re-release. If an interview is required, the board shall notify the  
14 violator in advance of the date and time of such interview in accordance  
15 with the rules and regulations of the board.

16 [~~(xi)~~] (xiii) If the presiding officer sustains any violations, he  
17 must prepare a written statement, to be made available to the alleged  
18 violator and his counsel, indicating the evidence relied upon and the  
19 reasons for revoking presumptive release, parole, conditional release or  
20 post-release supervision, and for the disposition made.

21 [~~(xi)~~] (xiv) If at any time during a revocation proceeding the  
22 alleged violator, his or her counsel, or an employee of the department  
23 contends, or if it reasonably appears to the hearing officer, that the  
24 alleged violator is an incapacitated person as that term is defined in  
25 subdivision one of section 730.10 of the criminal procedure law and no  
26 judicial determination has been made that the alleged violator is an  
27 incapacitated person, the revocation proceeding shall be temporarily  
28 stayed until the superior court determines whether or not the person is  
29 fit to proceed. The matter shall be promptly referred to the superior  
30 court for determination of the alleged violator's fitness to proceed in  
31 a manner consistent with the provisions of article seven hundred thirty  
32 of the criminal procedure law, provided however that the superior court  
33 shall immediately appoint counsel for any unrepresented alleged violator  
34 eligible for appointed counsel under subparagraph (v) of this paragraph  
35 [~~(f) of subdivision three of section two hundred fifty nine i of this~~  
36 ~~chapter~~]. The court shall decide whether or not the alleged violator is  
37 incapacitated within thirty days of the referral from the hearing offi-  
38 cer. If the court determines that the alleged violator is not an inca-  
39 pacitated person, the court shall order that the matter be returned to  
40 the board of parole for continuation and disposition of the revocation  
41 proceeding. If the court determines that the alleged violator is an  
42 incapacitated person and if no felony charges are pending against the  
43 alleged violator, the court shall issue a final order of observation  
44 committing such person to the custody of the commissioner of mental  
45 health or the commissioner of developmental disabilities for care and  
46 treatment in an appropriate institution in a manner consistent with  
47 subdivision one of section 730.40 of the criminal procedure law. If a  
48 final order of observation has been issued pursuant to this section, the  
49 hearing officer shall dismiss the violation charges and such dismissal  
50 shall act as a bar to any further proceeding under this section against  
51 the alleged violator for such violations. If felony criminal charges are  
52 pending at any time against an alleged violator who has been referred to  
53 superior court for a fitness evaluation but before a determination of  
54 fitness has been made pursuant to this section, the court shall decide  
55 whether or not the alleged violator is incapacitated pursuant to article  
56 seven hundred thirty of the criminal procedure law and the revocation

1 proceeding shall be held in abeyance until such decision has been  
2 reached. The hearing officer shall adopt the capacity finding of the  
3 court and either terminate the revocation process if an order of obser-  
4 vation has been made by the court or proceed with the revocation hearing  
5 if the alleged violator has been found not to be an incapacitated  
6 person.

7 § 7. Section 259-i of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
8 subdivision 9 to read as follows:

9 9. The board shall promulgate rules and regulations to facilitate the  
10 presence of nonprofit service providers able to offer relevant communi-  
11 ty-based services to releasees at all preliminary and final revocation  
12 hearings for the purpose of helping people subject to community super-  
13 vision successfully complete such supervision and avoid future such  
14 supervision, and to help ensure presiding officers impose the least  
15 restrictive reasonable sanction for any violation of community super-  
16 vision.

17 § 8. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding  
18 the date on which it shall have become a law; provided however the  
19 department of corrections and community supervision shall have six  
20 months from the effective date of this act to begin holding preliminary  
21 revocation hearings required by the amendments to paragraph (c) of  
22 subdivision 3 of section 259-i of the executive law made by section five  
23 of this act, including establishing preliminary revocation hearing  
24 facilities that are not at correctional facilities for people who are  
25 not detained pending their hearings. Provided further, however, that the  
26 board of parole shall have two months from the effective date of this  
27 act to identify each releasee incarcerated for a sustained parole  
28 violation and recalculate such releasee's sentence in accordance with  
29 this act. If no incarceration may be imposed pursuant to subparagraph  
30 (xi) of paragraph (f) of subdivision 3 of section 259-i of the executive  
31 law, as added by section six of this act, the board shall immediately  
32 restore the releasee to community supervision. If the releasee may be  
33 incarcerated for the sustained violation the board shall fix a new date  
34 for release pursuant to subparagraph (xii) of paragraph (f) of subdivi-  
35 sion 3 of section 259-i of the executive law, as amended by section six  
36 of this act. If such release date has passed, the board shall immediate-  
37 ly restore the releasee to community supervision. Provided further,  
38 however, the department of corrections and community supervision shall  
39 have six months from the effective date of this act to set up the final  
40 revocation hearing courtrooms that are not at correctional facilities  
41 for people who are not detained pending their hearing pursuant to the  
42 amendments to paragraph (f) of subdivision 3 of section 259-i of the  
43 executive law as made by section six of this act. Effective immediate-  
44 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation  
45 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
46 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such  
47 effective date.