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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the performance of a study regarding homeless persons who are veterans in the state of New York

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

Section 1. Section 353 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6-a to read as follows:

6-a. To conduct a study, in consultation with the office of temporary and disability assistance, department of labor, and office of children and family services to determine the number of homeless persons in New York state that are veterans. Such study shall include, but not be limited to: (a) an analysis of veterans in New York state who are currently homeless, or have been homeless within five years of being released from active duty including an analysis of gender as it relates to homelessness of veterans; (b) data on the number of children of homeless veterans, including the current placement of such children; (c) cases of military sexual trauma experienced by homeless veterans while on active duty or during military training, including a breakdown of the collected data based upon the gender of the victim; and (d) the unemployment rate for New York state veterans. The term "children of homeless veterans" shall mean a person who is unmarried and who is under the age of eighteen years, and is the biological or legally adopted child of

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

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a veteran. A written report of such study shall be delivered to the governor, the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the senate by June thirtieth, two thousand twenty and such information required pursuant to this subdivision shall be updated every two years. Such report shall be publicly available and posted on the division of veterans affairs website.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.