AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to reporting unmet need for programs and services for the aging

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

Section 1. Section 203 of the elder law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-a. Each area agency on aging as defined by subdivision two of this section shall collect and report to the office the unmet need for each program or service offered. For the purposes of this section, unmet need shall be defined as the number of eligible individuals seeking participation in a program or service and who are not receiving such program or service due to insufficient resources or capacity. The office shall provide a report detailing the unmet need for each program or service to the speaker of the assembly and temporary president of the senate no later than December thirty-first of each year.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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