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Introduced by M. of A. FERNANDEZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring a written report on plans and programs related to the prevention of suicide

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

Section 1. Subdivision (g) of section 7.07 of the mental hygiene law, as added by chapter 381 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

(g) The office of mental health shall have the responsibility for assuring the development of plans, programs, and services in the areas of research and prevention of suicide, to reduce suicidal behavior and suicide through consultation, training, implementation of evidence-based practices, and use of suicide surveillance data. Such plans, programs, and services shall consider the unique needs of differing demographic groups and the impact of gender, race and ethnicity, and cultural and language needs. Such plans, programs, and services shall be developed in cooperation with other agencies and departments of the state, local governments, community organizations and entities, or other organizations and individuals. **The office shall prepare and submit a written report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, and temporary president of the senate that sets forth the progress of the office in the development of such plans, programs, and services by December first, two thousand nineteen, and biennially thereafter. In addition to delineating the progress the office has made, such report shall also include information on specific suicide prevention services and program initiatives developed and implemented to address the needs of high risk minority groups or special populations, including but not limited to latina and latino adolescents, veterans, members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, and any other group deemed high risk or underserved by the office.**

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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