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## IN ASSEMBLY

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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:

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

4 (g) The office of mental health shall have the responsibility for  
5 assuring the development of plans, programs, and services in the areas  
6 of research and prevention of suicide, to reduce suicidal behavior and  
7 suicide through consultation, training, implementation of evidence-based  
8 practices, and use of suicide surveillance data. Such plans, programs,  
9 and services shall consider the unique needs of differing demographic  
10 groups and the impact of gender, race and ethnicity, and cultural and  
11 language needs. Such plans, programs, and services shall be developed in  
12 cooperation with other agencies and departments of the state, local  
13 governments, community organizations and entities, or other organiza-  
14 tions and individuals. The office shall prepare and submit a written  
15 report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, and temporary pres-  
16 ident of the senate that sets forth the progress of the office in the  
17 development of such plans, programs, and services by December first, two  
18 thousand nineteen, and biennially thereafter. In addition to delineating  
19 the progress the office has made, such report shall also include infor-  
20 mation on specific suicide prevention services and program initiatives  
21 developed and implemented to address the needs of high risk minority  
22 groups or special populations, including but not limited to latina and  
23 latino adolescents, veterans, members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and  
24 transgender community, and any other group deemed high risk or under-  
25 served by the office.

26 § 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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