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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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, black youth, individuals residing in rural communi-

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

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1 ties, veterans, members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender
2 community, and any other group deemed high risk or underserved by the
3 office.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.