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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 24, 2019

Introduced by Sen. HOYLMAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to providing certain benefits to veterans; and to amend the correction law, in relation to requiring certain reports relating to veterans

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 3803 of the public health law, as
2 amended by chapter 743 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 1. There is hereby created within the department the veterans health
5 care information program (referred to in this section as the "program"),
6 which shall provide information on health issues associated with mili-
7 tary duty, including but not limited to Agent Orange, spina bifida, Gulf
8 War Syndromes, toxic materials or harmful physical agents such as,
9 depleted uranium, and hepatitis C, and specific mental and physical
10 health issues including post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain
11 injury and other brain-related injuries, for veterans, their surviving
12 spouses, children of veterans and health care providers.

13 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 29 of the correction law, as amended by
14 section 12 of subpart A of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 1. The department shall continue to collect, maintain, and analyze
17 statistical and other information and data with respect to persons
18 subject to the jurisdiction of the department, including but not limited
19 to: (a) the number of such persons: placed in the custody of the depart-
20 ment, assigned to a specific department program, accorded community
21 supervision and declared delinquent, recommitted to a state correctional
22 institution upon revocation of community supervision, or discharged upon
23 maximum expiration of sentence; (b) the criminal history of such

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

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1 persons; (c) the social, educational, and vocational circumstances of
2 any such persons; [~~and~~] (d) the institutional and community supervision
3 programs and the behavior of such persons; and, (e) the military back-
4 ground and circumstances, if such person served in the United States
5 armed forces. Provided, however, in the event any statistical informa-
6 tion on the ethnic background of the inmate population of a correctional
7 facility or facilities is collected by the department, such statistical
8 information shall contain, but not be limited to, the following ethnic
9 categories: (i) Caucasian; (ii) Asian; (iii) American Indian; (iv)
10 Afro-American/Black; and (v) Spanish speaking/Hispanic which category
11 shall include, but not be limited to, the following subcategories
12 consisting of: (1) Puerto Ricans; (2) Cubans; (3) Dominicans; and (4)
13 other Hispanic nationalities.

14 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
15 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amend-
16 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
17 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or
18 before such date.