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IN SENATE

May 2, 2019

Introduced by Sens. MAY, SERINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Aging

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to requiring the state office for the aging to include reports on older adults who are primary caregivers or guardians of minors and on substance use disorders among older adults in such office's annual reports to the governor and legislature

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 213 of the elder law is amended by adding two new paragraphs (l) and (m) to read as follows:

(l) A report on the number of older adults who are primary caregivers or guardians of minors including prevalence by age range, circumstances that lead to older adults becoming primary caregivers or guardians to minors, an analysis of what services are available through the office and other state agencies to assist these older adult primary caregivers and guardians, and recommendations regarding support for older adults who are primary caregivers or guardians for minor children.

(m) A report on substance use disorders among older adults including prevalence of substance use disorders, what programs and services are available from or in conjunction with the office, an analysis of what services are needed to assist older adults dealing with substance use disorders, and recommendations regarding how the office can assist and participate in efforts to assist older adults dealing with substance use disorders.

§ 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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