STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 16, 2019

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 76 of the correction law, as amended by chapter 5 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

1. **(a)** Prior to the release of an inmate from a correctional facility, the department shall provide such inmate with information on transitional services available in the county or city where such inmate is scheduled to be released. Such information shall include programs designed to promote the successful and productive reentry and reintegration of an inmate into society including medical and mental health services, HIV/AIDS services, educational, vocational and employment services, alcohol or substance abuse treatment and housing services. The department shall maintain a current list of transitional services which shall be updated regularly in order to effectuate the purposes of this section. Where appropriate, the department shall provide assistance to an inmate in contacting a program or service provider prior to such inmate's release to the community.

(b) Upon discharge of an inmate from a correctional facility, the department shall provide such inmate with educational information about the prevention of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, instructions about how to obtain free HIV testing upon release, including contact information for HIV counseling and testing service providers located in the county or city in which such inmate intends to reside upon release, and referrals to community-based HIV prevention, education and counseling resources located in the county or city in which such inmate intends to reside upon release.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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