IN SENATE

February 10, 2020
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Introduced by Sens. HOYLMAN, SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered print-
   ed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the judiciary law, in relation to expanding the func-
   tions of the chief administrator of the courts to include the compila-
   tion of certain data with respect to ethnicity, race, disability,
   veteran status, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation by
   specific jurisdiction and submit an annual report of his or her find-
   ings

   **The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
   bly, do enact as follows:**

1   Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 212 of the judiciary law is
2   amended by adding a new paragraph (y) to read as follows:
3   _(y) Collect, compile, and publish statistics and other demographic_
4   _data provided in accordance with subparagraph (i) of this paragraph and_
5   _submit annually, on or before the fifteenth day of March, to the legis-_
6   _lature and the governor a report of his or her findings._
7   _(i) The chief administrator shall annually request that each judge and_
8   _justice of the state-paid courts of the unified court system disclose to_
9   _the office of court administration information as to his or her_
10 _race/ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity,   veteran_
11 _status, and disability status. Compliance with this request by a judge_
12 _or justice shall be entirely voluntary; and any information disclosed to_
13 _the office of court administration may only be released publicly in the_
14 _form of aggregated statistical data that does not identify a justice or_
15 _judge._
16   _(ii) The report required by this paragraph shall include separate_
17 _charts showing the race/ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, gender iden-_
18 _tity, disability status and veteran status of:_
19   _(A)   all responding judges and justices of the unified court system,_
20 _including sub-charts for all elected judges and justices and all_
21 _appointed judges and justices by appointing authority;_
22   _(B) all responding judges of the court of appeals;_
23   _(C) all responding justices of the appellate division, including sub-_
24 _charts for appellate division justices in each appellate department;_

1   (D) all responding justices of the supreme court, including sub-charts
2 for supreme court justices elected in each judicial district;
3   (E) all responding judges of the court of claims;
4   (F) all responding justices of the surrogate's court;
5   (G) all responding judges of the county courts;
6   (H) all responding judges of the district courts, including sub-charts
7 for each district court;
8   (I) all responding judges of the family court, including sub-charts
9 for family court judges appointed in New York city and family court
10 judges elected outside New York city;
11   (J) all responding judges of the New York city civil court;
12   (K) all responding judges of the New York city criminal court;
13   (L) all responding judges of the city courts, including sub-charts for
14 city court judges who are appointed and city court judges who are
15 elected; and
16   (M) all responding judges of the New York city housing court.
17   (iv) The report required by this paragraph shall use the following
18 ethnic and racial categories: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian,
19 Black or African-American, Hispanic or Latino, Native Hawaiian or other
20 Pacific Islander, White, some other race, and more than one race, as
21 those categories are defined by the United States Census Bureau for
22 reporting purposes.
23   (v) The demographic data reported, disclosed, or released pursuant to
24 this subdivision shall also indicate the percentage of respondents who
25 declined to respond.
26   § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.