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Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to establishing a program for elderly inmates who are under community supervision or who will be released from a state correctional facility

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

1 Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 210
2 to read as follows:

3 § 210. Reentry for the elderly program. 1. The department shall estab-
4 lish a reentry for the elderly program using existing funds for adults
5 over fifty years of age who are under community supervision or who will
6 be released from a state correctional facility.

7 2. The commissioner, in consultation with the office of minority
8 health, the commissioner of the city of New York department of health
9 and mental hygiene, the commissioner of the city of New York department
10 of homeless services and the commissioner of the city of New York
11 department of social services and local stakeholders such as senior
12 centers and service providers, shall be responsible for the implementa-
13 tion and coordination of program services provided for in this section
14 for participants who are on community supervision or will be released
15 from a state correctional facility to the city of New York.

16 3. The commissioner, in consultation with county departments of
17 health, mental health and social services, and with local stakeholders
18 such as county senior centers and service providers, shall be responsi-
19 ble for the implementation and coordination of program services provided
20 for in this section for participants who are on community supervision or
21 will be released from a state correctional facility to a county outside
22 the city of New York.

23 4. The program shall include, but not be limited to, the following
24 components:

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

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1 (a) geriatric assessment and discharge planning to assess individual
2 needs and develop individualized release plans;

3 (b) parole board interview preparation including identification of
4 approved residences; and

5 (c) case management to connect participants to appropriate housing,
6 medical and behavioral health care, benefits, employment, and services
7 available through senior centers, and provide ongoing support.

8 5. The commissioners of the city of New York departments of health and
9 mental hygiene, homeless services and social services and county commis-
10 sioners of health, mental health, and social services shall cooperate
11 with the commissioner, as well as the office of minority health, in
12 furtherance of the program provided for in this section.

13 6. The department may, subject to available appropriations, contract
14 with a non-profit entity for the performance of the functions set forth
15 in this section.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
17 it shall have become a law.