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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- 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 the department of correction and community supervision's role with respect to discharge planning to assist inmates in obtaining housing before release to community supervision

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 201 of the correction law, as
2 added by section 32 of subpart A of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of
3 2011, is amended to read as follows:

4 5. The department shall assist inmates eligible for community super-
5 vision and inmates who are on community supervision to secure employ-
6 ment, educational or vocational training, and housing. Prior to
7 release, the department shall assist such inmates to secure housing by
8 engaging in all necessary discharge planning, including but not limited
9 to exploring all types of housing resources available and potentially
10 available to the inmate. In every instance that the department's
11 discharge planning results in release to temporary housing in a shelter
12 regulated pursuant to 18 NYCRR Parts 491 and 900, the department shall
13 (a) reimburse the local social services district for the cost of provid-
14 ing such temporary housing in a shelter, (b) provide a report to the
15 local social services district thirty days prior to such discharge that
16 shall include a description of all discharge planning undertaken for the
17 individual inmate, and (c) once every thirty days following discharge
18 until the inmate is no longer subject to parole, provide a report to the
19 local social services district describing all continuing assistance the
20 department has provided to the inmate to obtain housing that is not to
21 temporary housing in a shelter regulated pursuant to 18 NYCRR Parts 491
22 and 900 and does not violate the terms of the inmate's parole.

23 § 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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