STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring monthly status reports of community investments and the impact on inpatient census

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

Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 7.49 to read as follows:

§ 7.49 Monthly status reports.

The commissioner shall provide monthly status reports of the community investments and the impact on inpatient census to the chair of the senate finance committee and the chair of the assembly ways and means committee and shall post such reports on the office's publicly accessible website. Such reports shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) state operated psychiatric facility census;

(b) occurrence of census exceeding budgeted capacity and reason;

(c) occurrence of out of catchment area placements that are due to insufficient capacity in the catchment area of the hospital;

(d) admissions and discharges;

(e) rate of Medicaid psychiatric inpatient readmissions to any hospital within thirty days of discharge;

(f) Medicaid emergency room psychiatric visits;

(g) descriptions of new community service investments;

(h) average length of stay and number of long-term stay patients; and

(i) an explanation of any material census reductions, when known to the facility.

§ 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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