STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 8, 2021

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- 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 establishing a commission on improving education in state prisons

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

Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 49 to read as follows:

§ 49. Commission on prison education. There is hereby established a commission on prison education comprised of nine members who shall study and develop a plan for improving education in the state prison system. The commission on prison education shall consider and investigate the following factors when determining education improvements: the impact on an inmate's employment opportunities upon release from prison, the impact on an inmate's reintegration into society and the effectiveness in reducing recidivism. Appointments to the task force shall be made as follows: three by the governor; two by the speaker of the assembly; one by the minority leader of the assembly; two by the temporary president of the senate and one by the minority leader of the senate. The commission on prison education shall issue a report within ten months after the effective date of this section.

§ 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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