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Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- 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 directing the commissioner of mental health to issue a review and report regarding certain facilities

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

1 Section 1. Section 5.05 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision (f) to read as follows:

3 (f) (1) The commissioners of the office of mental health, the office
4 for people with developmental disabilities and the office of addiction
5 services and supports shall, in collaboration with the commissioner of
6 the New York city department of homeless services and the chair and
7 chief executive officer of the New York city housing authority, review
8 and issue a report concerning all proposals by an agency requesting to:

9 a. enter into contract or similar agreement to provide services at a
10 new location as a social services facility; and

11 b. to expand the size and/or change the type of services offered of a
12 social services facility, within a city with a population of one million
13 or more.

14 (2) The review and report shall focus on the following factors,
15 including, without limitation:

16 a. The proposed impact in the affected community.

17 b. The current level and concentration of all social services facili-
18 ties in the affected area.

19 c. The cumulative effect thereof; and specific suggestions, modifica-
20 tion and objections as expressed by the affected community.

21 (3) For the purpose of this subdivision, a "social services facility"
22 shall include the following:

23 a. ACS placement facilities. "ACS placement facilities" means facili-
24 ties, certified by the New York state office of children and family

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

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1 services, for the care of youth placed in accordance with the provisions
2 of the family court act and the regulations of the New York state office
3 of children and family services, managed directly by the administration
4 for children's services or under contract or similar agreement with the
5 administration for children's services.

6 b. City-administered facilities. "City-administered facilities" means
7 hotels, shelters and other accommodations or associated services,
8 managed by or provided under contract or similar agreement with any city
9 agency, provided to individuals or families who need temporary emergency
10 housing or assistance finding or maintaining stable housing.

11 c. DHS-administered facilities. "DHS-administered facilities" means
12 city-administered facilities managed directly by the department of home-
13 less services or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with
14 the department of homeless services.

15 d. DYCD-administered facilities. "DYCD-administered facilities" means
16 city-administered facilities managed directly by the department of youth
17 and community development or by a provider under contract or similar
18 agreement with the department of youth and community development.

19 e. HPD-administered facilities. "HPD-administered facilities" means
20 city-administered facilities managed directly by the department of hous-
21 ing preservation and development or by a provider under contract or
22 similar agreement with the department of housing preservation and devel-
23 opment.

24 f. HRA-administered facilities. "HRA-administered facilities" means
25 city-administered facilities managed directly by the human resources
26 administration or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with
27 the human resources administration, excluding shelters for victims of
28 domestic violence managed directly by the human resources administration
29 or by a provider under contract or similar agreement with the human
30 resources administration.

31 g. Supportive housing facilities. "Supportive housing facilities"
32 means affordable, independent, and permanent housing with support
33 services for tenants, including but not limited to people who have been
34 homeless, have histories of substance abuse, are coping with mental
35 illness, have chronic illnesses such as HIV/AIDS, are young adults aging
36 out of foster care, are homeless veterans, or grandparents raising
37 grandchildren, and is under contract with a city agency including but
38 not limited to the department of health and mental hygiene and the human
39 resources administration.

40 (4) Within ninety days of the completion of a review conducted pursu-
41 ant to paragraph one of this subdivision, the commissioners of the
42 office of mental health, the office for people with developmental disa-
43 bilities and the office of addiction services and supports shall, in
44 collaboration with the commissioner of the New York city department of
45 homeless services and the chair and chief executive officer of the New
46 York city housing authority, shall issue a report and deliver a copy of
47 their findings, and any legislative recommendations they deem to be
48 necessary to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the
49 speaker of the assembly, the chair of the mental health and develop-
50 mental disabilities committee of the senate, and the chair of the mental
51 health committee of the assembly.

52 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.