

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 21, 2022

Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to expanding the scope of the CHAMP program to include representation for other agencies whose populations are impacted

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

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 33.27 of the mental hygiene law,  
2 as added by section 1 of part FF of chapter 57 of the laws of 2018, is  
3 amended to read as follows:  
4 (a) There is hereby established the office of the independent  
5 substance use disorder and mental health ombudsman program that will be  
6 operated or selected by the office of [~~alcoholism and substance abuse~~  
7 addiction services and supports], in consultation with the office of  
8 mental health for the purpose of assisting individuals with a substance  
9 use disorder and/or mental illness to ensure that they receive appropri-  
10 ate health insurance coverage. Such program shall include represen-  
11 tatives from various agencies whose populations are impacted by  
12 substance use disorder and/or mental illness, including but not limited  
13 to the division of veterans' services, the office for people with devel-  
14 opmental disabilities, the office of children and family services, the  
15 department of corrections, or providers contracted by such agencies to  
16 provide assistance to the impacted populations.  
17 § 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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