

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 26, 2022

Introduced by Sen. MYRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to releasing individuals charged with a crime under non-monetary bail conditions in order to receive mental health screening or be admitted to a hospital as a result of a mental illness which is likely to result in harm to such individual or others; and to repeal subdivision 3-c of section 500.10 of the criminal procedure law relating to the release for mental health assessment and evaluation and involuntary commitment pending release

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3-c of section 500.10 of the criminal procedure
2 law is REPEALED.
3 § 2. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 3-a of section 500.10 of the criminal
4 procedure law, as added by section 1 of part UU of chapter 56 of the
5 laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:
6 (f) that the principal be referred to a pretrial services agency for
7 placement in mandatory programming, including:
8 (i) counseling~~[]~~;
9 (ii) treatment~~[]~~~~and~~;
10 (iii) intimate partner violence intervention programs; and
11 (iv) mental health treatment. The court may expeditiously employ
12 available resources for mental health screening including but not limit-
13 ed to a mobile crisis response provider or similar entity in the court-
14 house. With regard to mental health treatment:
15 (1) Where applicable, the court may direct the principal be removed to
16 a hospital or a crisis stabilization center pursuant to subdivisions (a)
17 and (b) of section 9.43 of the mental hygiene law. For purposes of this
18 subparagraph, where the court proceeds pursuant to subdivision (a) of
19 section 9.43 of the mental hygiene law, the court is not required to and
20 shall not make a determination with respect to whether the crime has

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

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1 been committed or whether there is sufficient cause to believe the prin-
2 icipal is guilty thereof.

3 (2) If it appears to the court on the basis of evidence presented to
4 it that the person has or may have a mental illness which is likely to
5 result in serious harm to himself or herself or others, the court may
6 either (A) permit the person to present himself or herself to any hospi-
7 tal specified in subdivision (a) of section 9.39 of the mental hygiene
8 law or any comprehensive psychiatric emergency program specified in
9 subdivision (a) of section 9.40 of the mental hygiene law, for the
10 person to make an application for admission to the hospital as a volun-
11 tary patient pursuant to section 9.13 of the mental hygiene law; or (B)
12 issue a civil order directing their removal to any hospital specified in
13 subdivision (a) of section 9.39 of the mental hygiene law or any compre-
14 hensive psychiatric emergency program specified in subdivision (a) of
15 section 9.40 of the mental hygiene law, that is willing to receive such
16 person for a determination, by the director of such hospital or program,
17 whether such person should be retained therein pursuant to section 9.39
18 or section 9.40 of the mental hygiene law, as appropriate.

19 (3) If the court orders removal to a hospital for immediate psychiat-
20 ric assessment, the principal may be taken by an entity, including but
21 not limited to, an ambulance service, as defined in subdivision two of
22 section three thousand one of the public health law, any peace officer,
23 when acting pursuant to their special duties, or police officer who is a
24 member of the state police or of an authorized police department or
25 force, or of a sheriff's department, to any hospital specified in subdi-
26 vision (a) of section 9.39 of the mental hygiene law or any comprehen-
27 sive psychiatric emergency program specified in subdivision (a) of
28 section 9.40 of the mental hygiene law.

29 (4) Discharge and aftercare planning, including supportive housing
30 referrals, shall be provided consistent with federal and state law,
31 including but not limited to subdivision (g) of section 29.15 of the
32 mental hygiene law and to the extent that it has the ability to, the
33 hospital will take appropriate steps so that community placement
34 services are provided consistent with federal and state law. Discharge
35 planning shall begin at admission and continue throughout the course of
36 the principal's hospitalization until the principal is discharged.

37 (5) If the principal has met the discharge criteria they shall be
38 discharged and offered a clinically appropriate discharge plan in
39 accordance with, but not limited to subdivision (g) of section 29.15 of
40 the mental hygiene law.

41 (6) If the principal is a child, then any order for voluntary or
42 involuntary assessment shall be done in accordance with section two
43 hundred fifty-one of the family court act.

44 (7) The court can, as a condition of release, adjourn to a treatment
45 court for the possibility of evaluation.

46 (8) Conditions of release may not be revoked solely based on noncom-
47 pliance with treatment or clinically appropriate discharge plan or
48 aftercare plan;

49 § 3. Paragraphs (i) and (j) of subdivision 3-a of section 500.10 of
50 the criminal procedure law, as added by section 1 of part UU of chapter
51 56 of the laws of 2020, are amended and a new paragraph (k) is added to
52 read as follows:

53 (i) that the principal obey conditions set by the court addressed to
54 the safety of a victim of a family offense as defined in section 530.11
55 of this title including conditions that may be requested by or on behalf
56 of the victim; ~~and~~

(j) that, when it is shown pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision four of section 510.40 of this title that no other realistic non-monetary condition or set of non-monetary conditions will suffice to reasonably assure the principal's return to court, the principal's location be monitored with an approved electronic monitoring device, in accordance with such subdivision four of section 510.40 of this title~~[-]~~; and

(k) any clinical record or clinical information produced as a part of the assessment, service or treatment plans required pursuant to subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (f) of this subdivision, or any clinical record or clinical information used or produced in a proceeding conducted under subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (f) of this subdivision, shall be considered confidential and shall not be considered part of the public record, and access to such records shall be limited in accordance with applicable federal and state privacy laws. Such information shall not be used as part of the criminal proceeding and shall be expunged upon resolution of the case.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.