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Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers throughout the state; and making an appropriation therefor

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

Section 1. Article 5 of the social services law is amended by adding a new title 12-B to read as follows:

TITLE 12-B

CRIME VICTIM AND TRAUMA SURVIVOR RECOVERY CENTERS

Section 370-e. Crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers.

§ 370-e. Crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers. 1. The department shall facilitate the development and establishment of, and designate, five regional crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers across the state. The department shall establish procedures and criteria for the designation of such centers ensuring geographic coverage across the state consistent with this section.

2. Such crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers shall focus on helping individuals who have:

(a) been a victim of a violent crime, including individuals who have suffered gunshot wounds;

(b) been a victim of sexual assault;

(c) been a victim of domestic violence;

(d) been a victim of human trafficking;

(e) been a victim of a hate crime; or

(f) had a family member assaulted or killed.

3. The following services to be offered at the crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers established pursuant to this title shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) trauma-informed clinical case management;

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

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(b) evidence-based individual, group and family psychotherapy;
(c) crisis intervention;
(d) medication management;
(e) legal advocacy;
(f) assistance with filing police reports and accessing victim compensation funds;
(g) mental health services;
(h) help with relocation of an individual when safety is threatened; and
(i) transportation aid to and from medical appointments, court dates, and other related events.

4. The services provided by crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers pursuant to subdivision three of this section shall be provided free of charge and no individual receiving treatment shall be liable for the cost of any such services.

5. Each crime victim and trauma survivor recovery center shall work with community partners to educate the local community in order to be more trauma informed. "Community partners" shall include, but not be limited to, criminal justice organizations, social services organizations and health care organizations.

§ 2. The sum of ten million dollars ($10,000,000) is hereby appropriated to the department of social services out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the local assistance account, not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the department of social services in the manner prescribed by law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.