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Introduced by M. of A. BENDETT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to addiction counseling services for incarcerated individuals

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 627 to read as follows:

§ 627. Addiction counseling program. The commissioner, in conjunction with the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services, shall establish a program to be administered at correctional facilities within the department in the state, for the purpose of offering addiction counseling services for any incarcerated individual in such facilities suffering from a substance use disorder. After a medical screening, incarcerated individuals who are determined to suffer from a substance use disorder shall be offered placement in an addiction counseling program. Placement in such program shall not be mandatory. Each participating incarcerated individual shall work with an authorized specialist to determine an individualized treatment plan, including an appropriate level of counseling.

§ 2. Section 45 of the correction law is amended by adding a new subdivision 20 to read as follows:

20. Establish standards and guidelines for a program of addiction counseling services for incarcerated individuals in county jails and/or county correctional facilities equivalent to the program established in state correctional facilities pursuant to section six hundred twenty-seven of this chapter.

§ 3. 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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