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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to grants for geriatric emergency departments; in relation to establishing a center for technical assistance relating to age-friendly health systems; and in relation to hospital performance data

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "age-friendly health system enhancement act of 2024".

§ 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2831 to read as follows:

§ 2831. Geriatric emergency departments. Subject to an appropriation therefor, the commissioner shall award accredited level two geriatric emergency departments in the state a grant of five hundred thousand dollars per year for three years with the condition that each department grantee shall reach level one status within twenty-four months of receiving the first grant award.

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 206 of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (w) to read as follows:

(w) establish, in conjunction with the office for the aging, a center for technical assistance in relation to age-friendly health systems. Such center shall be a public-private entity and shall utilize outside

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

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entities including but not limited to the Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

§ 4. The section heading of section 2995-b of the public health law, as added by chapter 542 of the laws of 2000, is amended and a new subdivision 4 is added to read as follows:

Hospital [~~**report cards**~~] **performance data**.

4. Special designations. Using criteria developed from data collected pursuant to this section and other criteria, the department shall designate hospitals that are well equipped in terms of expertise and technology to provide certain types of care including stroke centers, trauma centers, regional perinatal centers, burn centers, sexual assault forensic examiner (SAFE) programs and age-friendly designated hospitals.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the implementation of the provisions of section two of this act shall be subject to the appropriation of moneys specifically for the purposes thereof.