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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 7, 2023

Introduced by Sen. ASHBY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and 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:

1 Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 627
2 to read as follows:

3 § 627. Addiction counseling program. The commissioner, in conjunction
4 with the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services, shall estab-
5 lish a program to be administered at correctional facilities within the
6 department in the state, for the purpose of offering addiction coun-
7 seling services for any incarcerated individual in such facilities
8 suffering from a substance use disorder. After a medical screening,
9 incarcerated individuals who are determined to suffer from a substance
10 use disorder shall be offered placement in an addiction counseling
11 program. Placement in such program shall not be mandatory. Each partic-
12 ipating incarcerated individual shall work with an authorized specialist
13 to determine an individualized treatment plan, including an appropriate
14 level of counseling.

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

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

22 § 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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