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

AN ACT to amend the criminal procedure law and the executive law, in relation to enacting the "New York State Phoenix Act"

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New York  
2 State Phoenix Act".

3 § 2. Legislative findings. The legislature finds and declares all of  
4 the following:

5 1. More than one in three women and one in four men in the United  
6 States have experienced rape, physical violence, or stalking by an inti-  
7 mate partner in their lifetime.

8 2. One in five female high school students report being physically or  
9 sexually assaulted by a dating partner.

10 3. Many perpetrators of domestic violence were themselves abused.

11 4. Better education and resources can help prevent domestic violence  
12 from occurring.

13 5. When domestic violence occurs, the statute of limitations varies  
14 depending on the crime committed.

15 6. Victims may not report a crime for myriad reasons, including their  
16 age at the time of abuse, ongoing trauma, threats from the perpetrator,  
17 or lack of evidence.

18 7. Without resources or any intervention, many perpetrators of domes-  
19 tic violence will abuse multiple partners.

20 8. It is the intent of the legislature to allow for victims of domes-  
21 tic violence to come forward by extending the statute of limitations in  
22 order to ensure those victims see justice.

23 9. It is the intent of the legislature to increase training for law  
24 enforcement to ensure victims are protected and to prevent future domes-  
25 tic violence from occurring.

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

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§ 3. Subdivision 3 of section 30.10 of the criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

(h) A prosecution of a felony family offense defined in subdivision one of section 530.11 of this chapter with a period of limitation of less than ten years may be commenced within ten years of the commission thereof. A prosecution of a misdemeanor family offense defined in subdivision one of section 530.11 of this chapter with a period of limitation of less than five years may be commenced within five years of the commission thereof.

§ 4. Section 214-b of the executive law, as amended by chapter 432 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

§ 214-b. Family offense intervention. The superintendent shall, for all members of the state police including new and veteran officers, develop, maintain and disseminate, in consultation with the state office for the prevention of domestic violence, written policies and procedures consistent with article eight of the family court act and applicable provisions of the criminal procedure and domestic relations laws, regarding the investigation of and intervention in incidents of family offenses. The written policies and procedures shall include a brief current and historical context on communities of color impacted by incarceration and violence, enforcement of criminal laws in family offense situations, availability of civil remedies and community resources, and protection of the victim. Such policies and procedures shall make provision for education and training in the interpretation and enforcement of New York's family offense laws, including but not limited to:

(a) techniques for handling incidents of family offenses that minimize the likelihood of injury to the officer and that promote the safety of the victim. These techniques shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(i) methods for ensuring victim interviews occur in a venue separate from the alleged perpetrator and with appropriate sound barriers to prevent the conversation from being overheard;

(ii) intake and recording of victim statements, and the prompt translation of such statements if made in a language other than English, in accordance with ~~[subdivision (e)]~~ paragraph (iv) of this ~~[section]~~ subdivision, on a standardized "domestic violence incident report form" promulgated by the state division of criminal justice services in consultation with the superintendent and with the state office for the prevention of domestic violence, and the investigation thereof so as to ascertain whether a crime has been committed against the victim by a member of the victim's family or household as such terms are defined in section eight hundred twelve of the family court act and section 530.11 of the criminal procedure law; and

~~[(b)]~~ (iii) the need for immediate intervention in family offenses including the arrest and detention of alleged offenders, pursuant to subdivision four of section 140.10 of the criminal procedure law, and notifying victims of their rights, in their native language, if identified as other than English, in accordance with ~~[subdivision (e)]~~ paragraph (iv) of this ~~[section]~~ subdivision, including but not limited to immediately providing the victim with the written notice provided in subdivision six of section 530.11 of the criminal procedure law and subdivision five of section eight hundred twelve of the family court act.

~~[(e)]~~ (iv) The superintendent, in consultation with the division of criminal justice services and the office for the prevention of domestic

1 violence shall determine the languages in which such translation  
2 required by ~~[subdivision (a)]~~ paragraph (ii) of this ~~[section]~~ subdivi-  
3 sion, and the notification required pursuant to ~~[subdivision (b)]~~ para-  
4 graph (iii) of this ~~[section]~~ subdivision, shall be provided. Such  
5 determination shall be based on the size of the New York state popu-  
6 lation that speaks each language and any other relevant factor. Such  
7 written notice required pursuant to ~~[subdivision (b)]~~ paragraph (iii) of  
8 this ~~[section]~~ subdivision shall be made available to all state police  
9 officers in the state~~[-]~~;

10 (b) the nature and extent of family offenses;

11 (c) the signs of family offenses;

12 (d) criminal conduct that may be related to family offenses, includ-  
13 ing, but not limited to, any of the following:

14 (i) coercion for purposes of committing or impeding the investigation  
15 or prosecution of family offenses;

16 (ii) unlawful imprisonment, as defined in article one hundred thirty-  
17 five of the penal law;

18 (iii) extortion and the use of fear;

19 (iv) crimes of fraud as defined in article one hundred ninety of the  
20 penal law; and

21 (v) unlawful dissemination or publication of an intimate image;

22 (e) the assessment of lethality or signs of lethal violence in family  
23 offense situations;

24 (f) the legal rights of, and remedies available to, victims of family  
25 offenses;

26 (g) documentation, report writing, and evidence collection;

27 (h) family offense diversion;

28 (i) tenancy issues and family offenses;

29 (j) the impact on children of law enforcement intervention in family  
30 offenses;

31 (k) the services and facilities available to victims and offenders;

32 (l) the use and applications of the penal law in family offense situ-  
33 ations;

34 (m) verification and enforcement of orders of protection when

35 (i) the suspect is present and (ii) the suspect has fled;

36 (n) cite and release policies; and

37 (o) emergency assistance to victims and how to assist victims in  
38 pursuing criminal justice options.

39 § 5. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 3 of section 840 of the executive  
40 law, as amended by chapter 432 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read  
41 as follows:

42 (f) Develop, maintain and disseminate, in consultation with the state  
43 office for the prevention of domestic violence, written policies and  
44 procedures and a course or courses of instruction consistent with arti-  
45 cle eight of the family court act and applicable provisions of the crim-  
46 inal procedure and domestic relations laws, regarding the investigation  
47 of and intervention by new and veteran police officers in incidents of  
48 family offenses. The course or courses of instruction and the written  
49 policies and procedures shall include a brief current and historical  
50 context on communities of color impacted by incarceration and violence,  
51 enforcement of criminal laws in family offense situations, availability  
52 of civil remedies and community resources, and protection of the victim.  
53 If appropriate, the training presenters shall include family offense  
54 experts, who may include victims and people who have committed family  
55 offenses and have been or are in the process of being rehabilitated,  
56 with expertise in the delivery of direct services to victims and people

1 who have committed family offenses, including, but not limited to,  
2 utilizing the staff of shelters for victims. Such courses of instruction  
3 and policies and procedures shall make provisions for education and  
4 training in the interpretation and enforcement of New York's family  
5 offense laws, including but not limited to:

6 (1) techniques for handling incidents of family offenses that minimize  
7 the likelihood of injury to the officer and that promote the safety of  
8 the victim. These techniques shall include, but are not limited to, the  
9 following:

10 (i) methods for ensuring victim interviews occur in a venue separate  
11 from the alleged perpetrator and with appropriate sound barriers to  
12 prevent the conversation from being overheard;

13 (ii) intake and recording of victim statements, and the prompt trans-  
14 lation of such statements if made in a language other than English, in  
15 accordance with [~~subparagraph three~~] clause (iv) of this [~~paragraph~~]  
16 subparagraph, on a standardized "domestic violence incident report form"  
17 promulgated by the division of criminal justice services in consultation  
18 with the superintendent of state police, representatives of local police  
19 forces and the state office for the prevention of domestic violence, and  
20 the investigation thereof so as to ascertain whether a crime has been  
21 committed against the victim by a member of the victim's family or  
22 household as such terms are defined in section eight hundred twelve of  
23 the family court act and section 530.11 of the criminal procedure law;  
24 and

25 [~~(2)~~] (iii) the need for immediate intervention in family offenses  
26 including the arrest and detention of alleged offenders, pursuant to  
27 subdivision four of section 140.10 of the criminal procedure law, and  
28 notifying victims of their rights, in their native language, if identi-  
29 fied as other than English, in accordance with [~~subparagraph three~~]  
30 clause (iv) of this [~~paragraph~~] subparagraph, including but not limited  
31 to immediately providing the victim with the written notice required in  
32 subdivision six of section 530.11 of the criminal procedure law and  
33 subdivision five of section eight hundred twelve of the family court  
34 act;

35 [~~(3)~~] (iv) determine, in consultation with the superintendent of state  
36 police and the office for the prevention of domestic violence, the  
37 languages in which such translation required by [~~subparagraph one~~]  
38 clause (ii) of this [~~paragraph~~] subparagraph, and the notification  
39 required by [~~subparagraph two~~] clause (iii) of this [~~paragraph~~] subpara-  
40 graph, shall be provided. Such determination shall be based on the size  
41 of the New York state population that speaks each language and any other  
42 relevant factor. Such written notice required pursuant to [~~subparagraph~~  
43 ~~two~~] clause (iii) of this [~~paragraph~~] subparagraph shall be made avail-  
44 able to all local law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Nothing  
45 in this [~~paragraph~~] subparagraph shall prevent the council from using  
46 the determinations made by the superintendent of state police pursuant  
47 to paragraph (iv) of subdivision [~~(e)~~] (a) of section two hundred four-  
48 teen-b of this chapter;

49 (2) the nature and extent of family offenses;

50 (3) the signs of family offenses;

51 (4) criminal conduct that may be related to family offenses, includ-  
52 ing, but not limited to, any of the following:

53 (i) coercion for purposes of committing or impeding the investigation  
54 or prosecution of family offenses;

55 (ii) unlawful imprisonment, as defined in article one hundred thirty-  
56 five of the penal law;

1     (iii) extortion and the use of fear;  
2     (iv) crimes of fraud as defined in article one hundred ninety of the  
3     penal law; and  
4     (v) unlawful dissemination or publication of an intimate image;  
5     (5) the assessment of lethality or signs of lethal violence in family  
6     offense situations;  
7     (6) the legal rights of, and remedies available to, victims of family  
8     offenses;  
9     (7) documentation, report writing, and evidence collection;  
10    (8) family offense diversion;  
11    (9) tenancy issues and family offenses;  
12    (10) the impact on children of law enforcement intervention in family  
13    offenses;  
14    (11) the services and facilities available to victims and offenders;  
15    (12) the use and applications of the penal law in family offense situ-  
16    ations;  
17    (13) verification and enforcement of orders of protection when  
18    (i) the suspect is present and (ii) the suspect has fled;  
19    (14) cite and release policies; and  
20    (15) emergency assistance to victims and how to assist victims in  
21    pursuing criminal justice options;

22    § 6. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
23    ing the date upon which it shall have become a law; provided that  
24    section three of this act shall apply to crimes committed on or after  
25    such date and to crimes for which the statute of limitations that was in  
26    effect prior to such date has not elapsed as of such date.