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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers throughout the state

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 576 to read as follows:

§ 576. Crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers. 1. The office for the prevention of domestic violence shall facilitate the development and establishment of, and designate, five regional crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers across the state. The office for the prevention of domestic violence 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 section shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) trauma-informed clinical case management;

(b) evidence-based individual, group and family psychotherapy;

(c) crisis intervention;

(d) medication management;

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

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(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. This act shall take effect immediately.