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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:

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

3 § 576. Crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers. 1. The
4 office for the prevention of domestic violence shall facilitate the
5 development and establishment of, and designate, five regional crime
6 victim and trauma survivor recovery centers across the state. The office
7 for the prevention of domestic violence shall establish procedures and
8 criteria for the designation of such centers ensuring geographic cover-
9 age across the state consistent with this section.

10 2. Such crime victim and trauma survivor recovery centers shall focus
11 on helping individuals who have:

12 (a) been a victim of a violent crime, including individuals who have
13 suffered gunshot wounds;

14 (b) been a victim of sexual assault;

15 (c) been a victim of domestic violence;

16 (d) been a victim of human trafficking;

17 (e) been a victim of a hate crime; or

18 (f) had a family member assaulted or killed.

19 3. The following services to be offered at the crime victim and trauma
20 survivor recovery centers established pursuant to this section shall
21 include, but not be limited to:

22 (a) trauma-informed clinical case management;

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

24 (c) crisis intervention;

25 (d) medication management;

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

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1 (e) legal advocacy;

2 (f) assistance with filing police reports and accessing victim compen-
3 sation funds;

4 (g) mental health services;

5 (h) help with relocation of an individual when safety is threatened;
6 and

7 (i) transportation aid to and from medical appointments, court dates,
8 and other related events.

9 4. The services provided by crime victim and trauma survivor recovery
10 centers pursuant to subdivision three of this section shall be provided
11 free of charge and no individual receiving treatment shall be liable for
12 the cost of any such services.

13 5. Each crime victim and trauma survivor recovery center shall work
14 with community partners to educate the local community in order to be
15 more trauma informed. "Community partners" shall include, but not be
16 limited to, criminal justice organizations, social services organiza-
17 tions and health care organizations.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.