

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

May 15, 2026

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Tapia) --  
read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to increasing access to  
substance abuse programming for incarcerated individuals whose first  
language is not English

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

- 1 Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 628  
2 to read as follows:  
3 § 628. Access to substance abuse programming for certain incarcerated  
4 individuals. The commissioner shall take steps to ensure that incarcer-  
5 ated individuals whose first language is not English are able to under-  
6 stand, participate and complete substance abuse programs provided in  
7 correctional facilities. Such steps may include, but need not be limited  
8 to, increased employment of bilingual substance abuse counselors and  
9 program staff, translation of program content and materials, targeted  
10 programs for non-English speaking incarcerated individuals and other  
11 strategies determined by the commissioner in consultation with the  
12 office of addiction services and supports.  
13 § 2. 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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