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Introduced by M. of A. CUNNINGHAM -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to direct the commissioner of mental health to conduct a study of child- and youth-targeted mobile crisis outreach teams

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

Section 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Child- and youth-targeted" shall mean services targeted toward persons under the age of eighteen.

(b) "Commissioner" shall mean the commissioner of mental health.

(c) "Crisis intervention services" shall have the same meaning as set forth in paragraph five of subdivision (a) of section 36.03 of the mental hygiene law.

(d) "Mobile crisis outreach team" shall mean a team approved by the commissioner pursuant to section 9.58 of the mental hygiene law, that is:

(i) comprised of one or more of the following: behavioral health professionals, as defined by paragraph six of subdivision (a) of section 36.03 of the mental hygiene law, certified peer specialists, as defined by paragraph seven of subdivision (a) of section 36.03 of the mental hygiene law, certified recovery peer advocates, as defined by paragraph eight of subdivision (a) of section 36.03 of the mental hygiene law, credentialed family peer advocates, as defined by paragraph nine of subdivision (a) of section 36.03 of the mental hygiene law, and/or credentialed youth peer advocates, as defined by paragraph ten of subdivision (a) of section 36.03 of the mental hygiene law; and

(ii) deployed in the community to assist individuals experiencing emotional and behavioral crisis situations and their families by providing face-to-face crisis intervention services, clinical assessment,

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

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supportive counseling, and information and referrals, including referrals to crisis stabilization centers pursuant to section 36.02 of the mental hygiene law and/or community-based mental health resources.

§ 2. Child- and youth-targeted mobile crisis outreach team study. The commissioner shall conduct a study on child- and youth-targeted mobile crisis outreach teams. Such study shall:

(a) Review current child- and youth-targeted mobile crisis outreach teams in New York state;

(b) Identify regional and demographic gaps in child- and youth-targeted crisis intervention services in New York state;

(c) Identify and analyze current challenges in implementing child- and youth-targeted mobile crisis outreach teams, including financial, staffing, geographic, and other challenges that the commissioner may deem relevant, and identify solutions to address such challenges; and

(d) Make recommendations regarding best practices, implementation strategies, and practical guidance to promote the implementation of child- and youth-targeted mobile crisis outreach teams, and improve the services provided by such mobile crisis outreach teams.

§ 3. Report. No later than one year after the effective date of this act, the commissioner shall submit a report including the findings and recommendations of the study conducted pursuant to section two of this act to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.