

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 23, 2025

Introduced by Sens. HARCKHAM, FERNANDEZ, JACKSON, MATTERA, OBERACKER, ROLISON, SALAZAR, SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT in relation to directing the New York state bridge authority to provide a report outlining their efforts and progress on decreasing and deterring suicide attempts on authority bridges; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

- 1 Section 1. On July 1, 2027, the New York state bridge authority shall
2 provide to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, and the temporary
3 president of the senate a report outlining their efforts and progress on
4 decreasing and deterring suicide attempts on authority bridges. Such
5 report shall include at a minimum:
- 6 1. Information on the recommendations outlined in the Comprehensive
7 Plan for Suicide Prevention, Education, and Awareness report;
 - 8 2. The current status of the implementation of recommendations from
9 this report on each bridge;
 - 10 3. A timeline of any current projects on each bridge related to climb
11 deterrent fencing or for the purposes of decreasing suicide attempts on
12 authority bridges;
 - 13 4. Any barriers to implementing the previous recommendations made,
14 including capital needs and structural challenges on one or more bridg-
15 es;
 - 16 5. Alternative measures or additional actions discovered that may
17 further the purpose of decreasing suicide attempts on authority bridges;

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

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1 6. Any efforts outside of the recommendations outlined in such report
2 undertaken by the authority related to suicide prevention on authority
3 bridges;

4 7. Policy recommendations or actions the authority may require from
5 the legislature to implement such recommendations; and

6 8. Any other information that the authority deems relevant to effectu-
7 ate such purpose.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
9 deemed repealed two years after it shall have become a law.