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Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to requiring the commissioner of corrections and community supervision to assess and update the security camera, land-mobile radio, and public address systems in use in correctional facilities

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

1 Section 1. Section 112 of the correction law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

3 7. (a) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this
4 subdivision, the commissioner shall:

5 (i) evaluate the security camera, land-mobile radio, and public
6 address systems in use in correctional facilities as of the effective
7 date of this subdivision; and

8 (ii) submit to the governor and the legislature a plan for ensuring
9 that all correctional facilities have the security camera, land-mobile
10 radio, and public address system coverage and capabilities necessary to:

11 (1) ensure the health and safety of staff and incarcerated individ-
12 uals; and

13 (2) ensure the documentation and accessibility of video evidence that
14 may pertain to misconduct by staff or incarcerated individuals, negli-
15 gent or abusive treatment of incarcerated individuals, or criminal
16 activity within correctional facilities.

17 (b) The plan required pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision
18 shall:

19 (i) identify and include plans to address any deficiencies in the
20 security camera system in use at correctional facilities, including
21 those related to:

22 (1) an insufficient number of cameras;

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

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(2) inoperable or malfunctioning cameras;
(3) blind spots;
(4) poor quality video; and
(5) any other deficits in the security camera system;
(ii) identify and include plans to adopt and maintain any security
camera system upgrades needed to achieve the purposes described in para-
graph (a) of this subdivision, including:
(1) conversion of all analog cameras to digital surveillance systems,
with corresponding infrastructure and equipment upgrade requirements;
(2) upgrades to ensure the secure storage, logging, preservation, and
accessibility of recordings such that the recordings are available to
investigators or courts at such time as may be reasonably required; and
(3) additional camera system capabilities needed to enhance the safety
and security of incarcerated individuals and staff;
(iii) include an assessment of operational and logistical consider-
ations in implementing the plan required pursuant to paragraph (a) of
this subdivision, including:
(1) a prioritization of facilities for needed upgrades, beginning with
high security institutions;
(2) the personnel and training necessary to implement the changes; and
(3) ongoing repair and maintenance requirements; and
(iv) include a two-year strategic plan and cost projection for imple-
menting the changes and upgrades to the security camera, land-mobile
radio, and public address systems identified under subparagraphs (i)
through (iii) of this paragraph.
(c) Not later than two years after the date on which the plan is
submitted pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of this subdi-
vision, and subject to appropriations therefor, the commissioner shall
complete implementation of the submitted plan.
(d) Beginning one year after the date on which the plan is submitted
pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, and
each year thereafter until full implementation of such plan is
completed, the commissioner shall issue a public report to be made
available on the website of the department on the progress of such
implementation.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.