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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 628 to read as follows:

§ 628. Access to substance abuse programming for certain incarcerated individuals. The commissioner shall take steps to ensure that incarcerated individuals whose first language is not English are able to understand, participate and complete substance abuse programs provided in correctional facilities. Such steps may include, but need not be limited to, increased employment of bilingual substance abuse counselors and program staff, translation of program content and materials, targeted programs for non-English speaking incarcerated individuals and other strategies determined by the commissioner in consultation with the office of addiction services and supports.

§ 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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