STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

June 5, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to requiring the office for the aging to make an annual report on the budget expenditures on behalf of the senior population of the state

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 16 and 17 of section 202 of the elder law, subdivision 16 as amended by chapter 63 of the laws of 2022, and subdivision 17 as added by section 1 of subpart J of part XX of chapter 55 of the laws of 2020, are amended and a new subdivision 18 is added to read as follows:

16. to the extent appropriations are available, and in consultation with the office of children and family services, conduct a public education campaign that emphasizes zero-tolerance for elder abuse. Such campaign shall include information about the signs and symptoms of elder abuse, identification of potential causes of elder abuse, which includes identity theft, resources available to assist in the prevention of elder abuse, where suspected elder abuse can be reported, contact information for programs offering services to victims of elder abuse such as counseling, and assistance with arranging personal care and shelter. Such campaign may include, but not be limited to: printed educational and informational materials; audio, video, electronic, other media; and public service announcements or advertisements; [~~and~~]

17. subject to an appropriation, make available to designated agencies as defined in paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section two hundred fourteen of this title, a training program for the purpose of raising awareness, removing barriers and improving services for older adults based on their sexual orientation and gender identity or expression as defined in section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law. Such training program may include:

(i) an overview of the history, unique needs, and concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, asexual, gender non-conforming and gender non-binary older adults;

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

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(ii) reasons why lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, asexual, gender non-conforming and gender non-binary older adults may choose not to self-identify; and

(iii) tools that may be used to incorporate lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, asexual, gender non-conforming and gender non-binary older adult concerns into direct care and steps that may be taken to improve the quality of services and support provided[~~.~~]**; and**

18. to issue a report annually on April first which provides a complete accounting of all expenditures in the state budget on behalf of the senior population of the state.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.