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Introduced by M. of A. DILAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT directing the department of corrections and community supervision to conduct a comprehensive study on deaths in correctional facilities within New York state

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

Section 1. The department of corrections and community supervision shall conduct a comprehensive study on deaths in correctional facilities within New York state to provide data-driven insights and recommendations to improve prison conditions, healthcare, and policies to prevent future tragedies. Such study shall:

1. Determine the number and causes of deaths in New York state correctional facilities over the past decade;

2. Assess the adequacy of the mental health and medical services within correctional facilities;

3. Identify any patterns or trends in the data that may indicate systemic issues or areas needing improvement;

4. Evaluate the effectiveness of existing policies and procedures in preventing deaths in custody; and

5. Recommend measures to improve the health and safety of incarcerated individuals.

§ 2. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the department of corrections and community supervision shall issue a report of the findings of the study to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly.

§ 3. 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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