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

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to reports on data collected from the office of special investigations

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

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

7. (a) The commissioner shall collect data from the office of special investigations established by the department and report quarterly to the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, and the governor regarding complaints received the previous quarter by the office. For the report period, such data and report shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) the number of confirmed and unconfirmed complaints received by the office of special investigations categorized by facility the complaint originated from, complaint type or allegation, subject of the complaint (i.e. incarcerated individual, security staff, civilian staff, or other), and how the complaint was received by the office;

(ii) the total number of complaints: assigned for an investigation by the office of special investigations; assigned to each division or unit within the office of special investigations; referred to the appropriate central office division head; referred to a facility superintendent or community supervision bureau chief for investigation; referred to a facility superintendent or community supervision bureau chief for other appropriate action; and referred to a state, local, or federal agency with jurisdiction. Such data shall include the facility the complaint originated from and the complaint type or allegation;

(iii) the total number of investigations closed by each office of special investigations unit or division within the reporting time period;

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

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(iv) the total number of referrals for criminal prosecution. Such data shall include the facility the complaint originated from, the complaint type or allegation, and the subject of the complaint (i.e. incarcerated individual, security staff, civilian staff, or other);

(v) the total number of referrals to the department's bureau of labor relations for consideration of employee disciplinary charges including which facility the referral originated from; and

(vi) office of special investigations staffing data including the total number of staff, position type, and number of open positions.

(b) The commissioner shall report annually the average length of time to close an investigation by the office of special investigation by division for each correctional facility and any recommendations made by the office of special investigations to the relevant departmental program areas for consideration of a revision to a policy or procedure. Such report shall categorize such recommendations by facility, the nature of the recommendation, and any action taken in response to the recommendation.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.