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IN SENATE

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