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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 20, 2025

Introduced by Sens. BAILEY, WEBB -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to screening incarcerated individuals for eligibility in the supplemental nutrition assistance program prior to release

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 619-a to read as follows:

§ 619-a. Supplemental nutrition access program screening. It shall be the duty of an official of any institution under the jurisdiction of the commissioner to cooperate with an authorized agency of the department of social services to screen incarcerated individuals for eligibility for the supplemental nutrition access program pursuant to section ninety-five of the social services law thirty days prior to release and to assist such eligible individuals in applying for such program. Such official, in cooperation with the authorized agency, shall seek any necessary waivers from the United States department of agriculture to suspend the three-month time limit for individuals in areas without work and to ensure that incarcerated individuals have one year of eligibility upon release.

§ 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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