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Introduced by Sen. ROLISON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to establishing a law enforcement, first responder, active and non-active-duty service members and veteran informational mobile application

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

Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section 7.49 to read as follows:

§ 7.49 Law enforcement, first responder, active and non-active-duty service members and veteran informational mobile application.

1. The office shall create and operate a New York-tailored, membership-based mobile application for law enforcement personnel, first responders, and active and non-active-duty service members and veterans.

2. (a) The commissioner is authorized to contract with a mobile developer to create and operate such application on a statewide basis following a competitive bidding process as set forth in the state finance law.

(b) The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of criminal justice services, the commissioner of veterans' services, and other relevant stakeholders at the discretion of the commissioner, shall include the following application platform deliverables, and any other tools the commissioner shall deem necessary, in the request for proposals:

(i) The platform shall have the capability to deliver education, resources and support to law enforcement personnel, first responders, active and non-active-duty service members, veterans and their families, including New York-specific information such as links to department and other state agency programs and resources available to law enforcement personnel, first responders, active and non-active-duty service members, and veterans.

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

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(ii) The platform shall demonstrate a consistent workflow to increase awareness of state agency programs and resources available to users of the mobile application.

(iii) The platform shall allow the department and other state agencies to directly interface with users of the mobile application.

(iv) The platform shall have the capability to allow the department to share specific content and resources with users of the mobile application.

3. The selected mobile developer shall regularly provide the office, the temporary president of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the minority leader of the assembly with aggregate, deidentified data concerning the following:

(a) the number of users of the mobile application that are engaging with New York-specific content.

(b) the number of users of the mobile application seeking additional information about other available resources.

(c) the number of monthly users of the mobile application.

(d) the number of daily users of the mobile application.

(e) the average length of time a user uses the mobile application.

(f) any other information requested by the department or other state agencies.

4. The mobile application shall be available on multiple mobile platforms.

5. The selected mobile developer shall not share, sell, or otherwise process users' personal information except as strictly necessary for the operation of the mobile application and shall not provide personally identifiable information about any user to the department or any other governmental entity.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the department of health shall issue a request for proposals no later than one hundred eighty days after this act shall have become a law.