

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 8, 2026

Introduced by Sen. FAHY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring the developmental disabilities advisory council to submit an annual comprehensive summary of information about its activities to the office for people with developmental disabilities' website

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

Section 1. Subdivision (h) of section 13.05 of the mental hygiene law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the mental hygiene law relating to requiring the developmental disabilities advisory council to submit an annual report on the activities of the council, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7793 and A. 7560-A, is amended to read as follows:

(h) The developmental disabilities advisory council shall ~~[submit a report yearly to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly on the activities of the council. Such report shall be delivered by the thirty-first of December of each calendar year and shall be posted]~~ publish a comprehensive summary of information about their activities to the ~~[department's]~~ office's website annually, in an accessible format. Such ~~[report]~~ information shall include, at minimum:

1. actions taken to foster public understanding and acceptance of developmental disabilities;

2. recommendations made to the commissioner related to statewide priorities and goals for services for individuals with developmental disabilities, and the implementation of the statewide comprehensive plan as required under section 5.07 of this chapter; and

3. any other actions taken by the council related to their duties.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the mental hygiene law relating to requiring the developmental disabilities advisory council to submit an annual report on the activities of the council, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 7793 and A. 7560-A, takes effect.

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

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