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

AN ACT to amend the correction law and the executive law, in relation to the disclosure of video footage and audio recordings related to the death of an incarcerated individual involving certain correction officers or peace officers (Part A); to amend the correction law, in relation to establishing comprehensive camera coverage for covered facilities and covered vehicles; and to repeal certain provisions of the correction law relating to requiring institutions and local correctional facilities to adhere to certain camera footage, recording and investigation standards (Part B); to amend the correction law, in relation to next of kin notifications where the death of an incarcerated individual occurs (Part C); to amend a chapter of the laws of 2025 directing the state commission of correction to conduct a comprehensive study on deaths in state correctional facilities within New York state, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, in relation to the time within which the state commission of correction shall issue a report of the findings of such study (Part D); to amend the county law, in relation to providing access to microscopic slides upon request for certain autopsies (Part E); intentionally omitted (Part F); to amend the correction law, in relation to data on substantiated, unfounded, and unsubstantiated allegations received by the office of special investigations (Part G); to amend the correction law, in relation to membership of the state commission of correction; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the correction law relating to the membership of the state commission of correction, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part H); to amend the correction law, in relation to correctional facility visits by the correctional association (Part I); and to amend the civil practice law and rules, the general municipal law and the court of claims act, in relation to the tolling of statute of limitations for individuals in state custody; to amend part J of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the civil practice law and rules, the general municipal law and the court of claims act relating to the tolling of statute of limitations for individuals in state custody, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, in relation to the effectiveness

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

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thereof; and to repeal certain provisions of the general municipal law relating thereto (Part J)

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

1 Section 1. This act enacts into law major components of legislation
2 necessary to implement updates to the omnibus bill of 2025 related to
3 correctional services in the state of New York. Each component is wholly
4 contained within a Part identified as Parts A through J. The effective
5 date for each particular provision contained within such Part is set
6 forth in the last section of such Part. Any provision in any section
7 contained within a Part, including the effective date of the Part, which
8 makes a reference to a section "of this act", when used in connection
9 with that particular component, shall be deemed to mean and refer to the
10 corresponding section of the Part in which it is found. Section three of
11 this act sets forth the general effective date of this act.

12 PART A

13 Section 1. Section 22-b of the correction law, as added by a chapter
14 of the laws of 2025 amending the correction law relating to requiring
15 the disclosure of video footage related to the death of an incarcerated
16 individual involving a correctional officer, as proposed in legislative
17 bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, is amended to read as follows:

18 § 22-b. Disclosure of video footage related to the death of incarcer-
19 ated individuals involving [~~correctional~~ correction officers or peace
20 officers employed by the department. 1. Definition. As used in this
21 section the term "video footage" shall include, but not be limited to,
22 recordings from fixed or stationary cameras, body-worn cameras, handheld
23 devices, or any other recording equipment maintained or used by correc-
24 tional staff within an institution or correctional facility.

25 2. Duty to disclose. The department shall disclose to the attorney
26 general's office of special investigation any video footage that such
27 office deems to be related to the death of an incarcerated individual.
28 This shall include any case in which the attorney general's office of
29 special investigation determines the death involves a [~~correctional~~
30 correction officer or peace officer employed by the department.

31 3. Timeframe for disclosure. [~~Such video footage shall be disclosed~~
32 ~~within seventy-two hours of the occurrence of the death~~] The commission-
33 er or commissioner's designee shall make reasonable good faith efforts
34 to ascertain the existence of and obtain any relevant video footage or
35 audio recordings that existed or that may be related to the death and
36 shall disclose such video footage or audio records within seventy-two
37 hours of the occurrence of the death. If the commissioner or commission-
38 er's designee learns of additional video footage or audio recordings
39 which are related to the death, the commissioner or commissioner's
40 designee shall disclose such recordings within twenty-four hours of such
41 discovery and provide the circumstances surrounding the discovery of
42 such records to the attorney general's office of special investigations.

43 4. Redactions and exceptions. [~~(a)~~] No redactions shall be made to the
44 video footage before it is disclosed to the attorney general's office of
45 special investigation. [~~The attorney general's office of special inves-~~
46 ~~tigation shall maintain the confidentiality of all video footage and~~

~~will determine redactions pursuant to its published video release policy.~~

~~(b) Disclosure may be delayed only if the attorney general's office of special investigation certifies that such disclosure would compromise an ongoing criminal investigation or prosecution. Such delay shall not exceed ninety days without additional certification.]~~

§ 2. Section 500-q of the correction law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the correction law relating to requiring the disclosure of video footage related to the death of an incarcerated individual involving a correctional officer, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, is amended to read as follows:

§ 500-q. Disclosure of video footage related to the death of incarcerated individuals involving [correctional] correction officers or peace officers employed at a local correctional facility. 1. Definition. As used in this section, "video footage" shall include, but not be limited to, recordings from fixed or stationary cameras, body-worn cameras, handheld devices, or any other recording equipment maintained or used by correctional staff within a local correctional facility.

2. Duty to disclose. Any local correctional facility shall disclose to the attorney general's office of special investigation any video footage that such office deems to be related to the death of an incarcerated individual. This shall include any case in which the attorney general's office of special investigation determines the death involves a [correctional] correction officer or peace officer employed at a local correctional facility.

3. Timeframe for disclosure. ~~[Such video footage shall be disclosed within seventy-two hours of the occurrence of the death]~~ The chief administrative officer of the local correctional facility or chief administrative officer's designee shall make reasonable good faith efforts to ascertain the existence of and obtain any relevant video footage or audio recordings that existed or that may be related to the death and shall disclose such video footage or audio records within seventy-two hours of the occurrence of the death. If the chief administrative officer of the local correctional facility or chief administrative officer's designee subsequently learns of additional video footage or audio recordings which are related to the death, the chief administrative officer or the chief administrative officer's designee shall disclose such recordings within twenty-four hours of such discovery and provide the circumstances surrounding the discovery of such records to the attorney general's office of special investigations.

4. Redactions and exceptions. ~~[(a)]~~ No redactions shall be made to the video footage before it is disclosed to the attorney general's office of special investigation. ~~[The attorney general's office of special investigation shall maintain the confidentiality of all video footage and will determine redactions pursuant to its published video release policy.~~

~~(b) Disclosure may be delayed only if the attorney general's office of special investigation certifies that such disclosure would compromise an ongoing criminal investigation or prosecution. Such delay shall not exceed ninety days without additional certification.]~~

§ 3. Section 70-b of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

3-a. (a) The attorney general shall maintain the confidentiality of all video footage and audio recordings received and reviewed.

(b) Disclosure of any audio recordings or video footage shall be delayed, at the attorney general's discretion, only if such a disclosure

1 would compromise an ongoing criminal investigation or prosecution, or at
2 the request of the decedent's family.

3 (c) Redactions of audio records or video footage shall be made pursu-
4 ant to its video release policy.

5 (d) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit or
6 restrict the disclosure of audio recordings or video footage to any
7 person or entity otherwise lawfully entitled to receive such recordings
8 or footage pursuant to law, court order, or lawful process.

9 § 4. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
10 manner as part A of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the
11 correction law relating to requiring the disclosure of video footage
12 related to the death of an incarcerated individual involving a correc-
13 tional officer, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A.
14 8871, takes effect.

15 PART B

16 Section 1. Section 628 of the correction law, as added by a chapter of
17 the laws of 2025 relating to requiring institutions and local correc-
18 tional facilities to adhere to certain camera footage, recording and
19 investigation standards, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S.
20 8415 and A. 8871, is REPEALED.

21 § 2. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 135-a to
22 read as follows:

23 § 135-a. Fixed camera coverage. 1. Definitions. For the purposes of
24 this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

25 (a) "Covered facility" means any institution or correctional facility
26 operated by the department of corrections and community supervision.

27 (b) "Covered vehicle" means any vehicle used for the transport of
28 incarcerated individuals.

29 (c) "Comprehensive camera coverage" means the installation, operation,
30 and maintenance of fixed or stationary cameras sufficient to capture,
31 without complete fixed obstruction, audio and clear visual footage of
32 the activities and movement of all persons within all housing units,
33 common areas, medical units, corridors, program and service areas,
34 entrances, exits, and other spaces in which incarcerated individuals are
35 present in each such covered facility, operating twenty-four hours a
36 day, with the exception of the interior of cells, showers, and toilet
37 areas and operating within each covered vehicle at any time such vehicle
38 is occupied by any individual.

39 (d) "Recording request" means a formal request for access to fixed or
40 stationary camera footage made by legal representatives, prosecutors,
41 defendants, or their counsel, relevant to any investigation or legal
42 proceeding involving a covered facility.

43 2. Within one hundred eighty days of the effective date of this
44 section, the commissioner shall develop a plan to establish comprehen-
45 sive camera coverage for each covered facility and within each covered
46 vehicle, which shall include the financial and operational feasibility
47 of establishing such coverage and storing and retaining footage of such
48 coverage, as well as reasonable projected timelines for implementation
49 at each facility. Upon completion of the written plan, the commissioner
50 shall promptly transmit the plan to the speaker of the assembly, the
51 temporary president of the senate, and the governor.

52 3. Following transmission of the written plan required pursuant to
53 subdivision two of this section, the commissioner shall immediately take
54 all reasonable and necessary steps to commence implementation of the

1 plan and to establish comprehensive camera coverage at each covered
2 facility and within each covered vehicle in accordance with the time-
3 lines set forth therein, subject to the availability of appropriated
4 funds. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit or
5 discourage the commissioner from initiating implementation of any compo-
6 nent of the plan prior to such transmission.

7 4. Within one hundred eighty days of the effective date of this
8 section, the commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations to
9 ensure that once a covered facility or covered vehicle has been equipped
10 with comprehensive camera coverage, such covered facility or covered
11 vehicle shall maintain a consistent state of coverage. Such rules and
12 regulations shall, at a minimum, include:

13 (a) routine inspection of camera placement, functionality, image qual-
14 ity, and data retention;

15 (b) protocols for addressing non-functioning cameras, including
16 reasonable timeframes for repair or replacement;

17 (c) procedures for documenting and investigating equipment failures or
18 gaps in coverage, including blind spots;

19 (d) requirements for retention, storage, and secure access to camera
20 footage, including a minimum retention period of no less than sixty days
21 for all footage, and a requirement that any footage related to an inves-
22 tigation by the department's office of special investigations regarding
23 an allegation of staff misconduct or criminal activity be preserved for
24 no less than five years, or longer if required by law, investigation,
25 litigation hold, or administrative proceeding; and

26 (e) regular review of camera systems to ensure continued effectiveness
27 in promoting safety, accountability, and facility operations.

28 5. Fixed or stationary camera footage from covered facilities and
29 covered vehicles under this section shall be provided if a formal
30 recording request is made and accompanied by a valid subpoena or a court
31 order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this
32 subdivision shall be construed to prohibit or restrict the disclosure of
33 audio recordings or video footage to any person or entity otherwise
34 lawfully entitled to receive such recordings or footage pursuant to law,
35 court order, or lawful process.

36 6. The office of the state inspector general may receive and investi-
37 gate complaints from any source, or upon the inspector general's own
38 initiative, concerning allegations of failure to adhere to the
39 provisions of this section. The office of the state inspector general
40 may also conduct audits of covered facilities, as appropriate, to ensure
41 compliance with this section.

42 7. The commissioner shall make an annual report to the speaker of the
43 assembly, the temporary president of the senate, the governor, and the
44 state inspector general of the actions taken pursuant to this section
45 including, but not limited to, documentation of incidents and investi-
46 gations regarding equipment failures or gaps in coverage beginning one
47 year after the effective date of this section; provided, however, that
48 the report shall be prepared in a manner that does not undermine or
49 compromise facility security, the safety of staff or incarcerated indi-
50 viduals, or ongoing investigations.

51 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

52 PART C

53 Section 1. Section 624 of the correction law, as amended by part C of
54 a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the correction law relating to

1 providing notice of the death of an incarcerated individual occurring in
2 the custody of the department of corrections and community supervision,
3 as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 § 624. Next of kin; death of incarcerated individual. 1. (a) The
6 department shall promptly notify the next of kin and any other person
7 designated as the representative of any incarcerated individual whose
8 death takes place during custody.

9 (b) The department shall promptly notify the next of kin and any other
10 person designated as a representative of the circumstances surrounding
11 the death of such incarcerated individual, the medical procedures used
12 and the cause of death [~~including preliminary determinations and final~~
13 ~~determination~~] as reported [~~by an~~] in the final autopsy report as such
14 information becomes available. The department shall be responsive to
15 inquiries from the next of kin and other person designated as the repre-
16 sentative regarding the preliminary determination.

17 (c) The next of kin and other person designated as a representative
18 shall be identified from the emergency contact information previously
19 provided by the incarcerated individual to the department.

20 2. Within [~~twenty-four~~] forty-eight hours after the next of kin and
21 any other person designated as a representative has been notified of
22 such death, the department shall publish public notice of such death on
23 the department's website.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
25 manner as section 2 of part C of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending
26 the correction law relating to providing notice of the death of an
27 incarcerated individual occurring in the custody of the department of
28 corrections and community supervision, as proposed in legislative bill
29 numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, takes effect.

30 PART D

31 Section 1. Section 2 of part D of a chapter of the laws of 2025
32 directing the state commission of correction to conduct a comprehensive
33 study on deaths in state correctional facilities within New York state,
34 as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, is amended
35 to read as follows:

36 § 2. Within [~~one-year~~] eighteen months of the effective date of this
37 act, the state commission of correction shall issue a report of the
38 findings of the study to the governor, the temporary president of the
39 senate and the speaker of the assembly.

40 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
41 manner as part D of a chapter of the laws of 2025 directing the state
42 commission of correction to conduct a comprehensive study on deaths in
43 state correctional facilities within New York state, as proposed in
44 legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, takes effect.

45 PART E

46 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 677 of the county law, as amended
47 by section 3 of part E of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the
48 county law relating to requiring autopsy reports to include photographs,
49 microscopic slides, and post-mortem x-rays taken by, at the direction
50 of, or reviewed by the person performing the autopsy, as proposed in
51 legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, is amended to read as
52 follows:

6. Notwithstanding section six hundred seventy of this article or any other provision of law, the coroner, coroner's physician or medical examiner shall promptly provide the ~~[chairperson]~~ chair of the correction medical review board and the commissioner of corrections and community supervision with copies of any autopsy report, toxicological report or any report of any examination or inquiry prepared with respect to any death occurring to an incarcerated individual of a correctional facility as defined by subdivision three of section forty of the correction law within their county; and shall promptly provide the executive director of the justice center for the protection of people with special needs with copies of any autopsy report, toxicology report or any report of any examination or inquiry prepared with respect to the death of any service recipient occurring while such person was a resident in any facility operated, licensed or certified by any agency within the department of mental hygiene, the office of children and family services, the department of health or the state education department. If the toxicological report is prepared pursuant to any agreement or contract with any person, partnership, corporation or governmental agency with the coroner or medical examiner, such report shall be promptly provided to the ~~[chairperson]~~ chair of the correction medical review board, the commissioner of corrections and community supervision or the executive director of the justice center for the protection of people with special needs, as appropriate, by such person, partnership, corporation or governmental agency. For the purposes of this subdivision, in addition to anything else required by law, ~~[an]~~ the copy of the autopsy report shall include all photographs of the body~~[, microscopic slides,]~~ and post-mortem x-rays taken by or at the direction of the person performing the autopsy, and all photographs~~[, microscopic slides,]~~ and post-mortem x-rays reviewed by the person performing the autopsy in the course of their examination or in the course of their diagnosis of the cause of death and the means or manner of death. Such copy of the autopsy report may also include images of all microscopic slides taken by or at the direction of the person performing the autopsy and images of all microscopic slides reviewed by the person performing the autopsy in the course of their examination or in the course of their diagnosis of the cause of death and the means or manner of death. If such images of microscopic slides are not included in the copy of the autopsy report provided pursuant to this subdivision, the copy of the autopsy report shall indicate that such images of microscopic slides have been omitted, and, upon request of the chair of the correction medical review board, the commissioner of corrections and community supervision or the executive director of the justice center for the protection of people with special needs, a coroner, coroner's physician or medical examiner shall promptly provide access to inspect such microscopic slides or, where practicable, provide images of such microscopic slides.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as part E of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the county law relating to requiring autopsy reports to include photographs, microscopic slides, and post-mortem x-rays taken by, at the direction of, or reviewed by the person performing the autopsy, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, takes effect.

PART F

Intentionally Omitted

PART G

Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 112 of the correction law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the correction law relating to reports on data collected from the office of special investigations, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, is amended to read as follows:

7. (a) For the purposes of this subdivision the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(i) "Substantiated allegation" means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred. An allegation is determined to have occurred based on a preponderance of the evidence;

(ii) "Unfounded allegation" means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred;

(iii) "Unsubstantiated allegation" means an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

(b) 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]~~ substantiated, unsubstantiated, and unfounded allegations received by the office of special investigations categorized by ~~[facility the complaint originated from]~~ location of the alleged incident, complaint type or allegation, subject of the ~~[complaint]~~ allegation (i.e. incarcerated individual, security staff, civilian staff, or other), and how the ~~[complaint]~~ allegation 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]~~ location of the alleged incident 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;

(iv) the total number of referrals for criminal prosecution. Such data shall include the ~~[facility the complaint originated from]~~ location of the alleged incident, the complaint type or allegation, and the subject of the ~~[complaint]~~ allegation (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]~~ the location of the alleged incident; and

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

~~(b)~~ (c) The commissioner shall report annually the average length of time to close an investigation by the office of special investigation by

1 division for each correctional facility and any recommendations made by
2 the office of special investigations to the relevant departmental
3 program areas for consideration of a revision to a policy or procedure.
4 Such report shall categorize such recommendations by facility, the
5 nature of the recommendation, and any action taken in response to the
6 recommendation.

7 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
8 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the correction law
9 relating to reports on data collected from the office of special inves-
10 tigation, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871,
11 takes effect.

12 PART H

13 Section 1. Section 41 of the correction law, as amended by section 1
14 and subdivision 1 as amended by section 2 of part H of a chapter of the
15 laws of 2025 amending the correction law relating to the membership of
16 the state commission of correction, as proposed in legislative bill
17 numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, is amended to read as follows:

18 § 41. State commission of correction; organization. 1. (a) There shall
19 be within the executive department a state commission of correction. It
20 shall consist of ~~[nine]~~ five persons, ~~[three of whom shall]~~ to be
21 appointed by the governor~~[, two of whom shall be appointed by the speak-~~
22 ~~er of the assembly, two of whom shall be appointed by the temporary~~
23 ~~president of the senate, and two of whom shall be appointed by the~~
24 ~~correctional association]~~ by and with the consent of the senate.

25 (b) ~~[The members appointed shall include, but not be limited to, at~~
26 ~~least one of each of the following:~~

27 ~~(i) a person formerly incarcerated in a correctional facility located~~
28 ~~in New York;~~

29 ~~(ii) a public health professional;~~

30 ~~(iii) a behavioral healthcare professional;~~

31 ~~(iv) an attorney duly licensed to practice in this state who has a~~
32 ~~professional background in indigent criminal defense services or prison-~~
33 ~~er's rights litigation; and~~

34 ~~(v) a professional in any other field deemed useful for the promotion~~
35 ~~of an efficient, humane, and lawful correctional system]~~ At a minimum,
36 one member appointed shall be a person formerly incarcerated in a
37 correctional facility located in New York and one member appointed shall
38 have one or more of the following qualifications: licensure as a
39 healthcare professional authorized to practice in New York state; licen-
40 sure as an attorney authorized to practice in this state who has a
41 professional background in indigent criminal defense or prisoner's
42 rights litigation or experience as a legal policy professional who has
43 professional experience related to the rights of incarcerated individ-
44 uals; or professional experience in another field deemed relevant to the
45 promotion of an efficient, humane, and lawful correctional system. Two
46 of the members shall be part-time.

47 (c) The ~~[members of the commission]~~ governor shall ~~[annually]~~ designate
48 one of the appointed full-time members as chairperson to serve as
49 such at [such members of the commission's] the pleasure of the governor.
50 The part-time members appointed to the commission shall receive a per
51 diem of five hundred dollars for work actually performed not to exceed
52 fifty thousand dollars in any one calendar year. The full-time members
53 shall devote full time to their duties and shall hold no other salaried
54 public position.

2. The members shall hold office for terms of five years[~~; provided that the first two members appointed by the speaker of the assembly shall serve for a term of two years; the first two members appointed by the temporary president of the senate shall serve for a term of three years; and the first two members appointed by the correctional association shall serve for a term of four years~~]. No member shall serve for more than ten years. Any member of the commission may be removed by the [appointing authority who nominated the member] governor for cause after an opportunity to be heard in such member's defense.

3. Any member chosen to fill a vacancy created other than by expiration of term shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the member whom such new member is to succeed. Vacancies caused by expiration of term or otherwise shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

§ 2. Subdivision (a) of section 42 of the correction law, as added by chapter 865 of the laws of 1975, paragraph 1 as amended by section 34 of part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, paragraph 2 as amended by chapter 309 of the laws of 1996, paragraph 3 as amended by section 2, paragraph 4 as amended by section 3, and paragraph 5 as amended by section 4 of part HH of chapter 55 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

(a) 1. There shall be within the commission a citizen's policy and complaint review council. It shall consist of nine persons [~~to~~], six of whom shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate. One person so appointed shall have served in the armed forces of the United States in any foreign war, conflict or military occupation, who (i) was discharged therefrom under other than dishonorable conditions, or (ii) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (iii) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or shall be a duly licensed mental health professional who has professional experience or training with regard to post-traumatic stress syndrome. One person so appointed shall be an attorney admitted to practice in this state. One person so appointed shall be a former incarcerated individual of a correctional facility. One person so appointed shall be a former correction officer. One person so appointed shall be a former resident of a division for youth secure center or a health care professional duly licensed to practice in this state. One person so appointed shall be a former employee of the office of children and family services who has directly supervised youth in a secure residential center operated by such office. In addition, the part-time commission members appointed shall serve on the council. Lastly, the governor shall designate one of the full-time members other than the chair of the commission as chair of the council to serve as such at the pleasure of the governor.

2. The [~~nine~~] six appointed members of the council shall hold office for five years[~~; provided that of the seven members first appointed, two shall be appointed for a term of one year, two shall be appointed for a term of two years, one shall be appointed for a term of three years, one shall be appointed for a term of four years and one shall be appointed for a term of five years from January first next succeeding their appointment~~]. Any appointed member of the council may be removed by the governor for cause after an opportunity to be heard in [~~his~~] their defense.

3. Any member chosen to fill in a vacancy created other than by expiration of term shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the succeeded member. Vacancies caused by the expiration of term or otherwise shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

4. The members of the council other than the ~~chair~~ commission members shall receive no compensation for their services but each member other than the ~~chair~~ commission members shall be entitled to receive actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of council duties.

5. No appointed member of the council shall qualify or enter upon the duties of office, or remain therein, while an officer or employee of the department of corrections and community supervision or any correctional facility or is in a position to exercise administrative supervision over any correctional facility. The council shall have such staff as shall be necessary to assist it in the performance of its duties within the amount of the appropriation therefor as determined by the chair of the commission.

6. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any member of the council serving on the effective date of this paragraph may continue to serve until such member resigns, is removed, or otherwise vacates such office.

§ 3. Subdivisions 1 and 4 of section 43 of the correction law, subdivision 1 as amended by section 7 of part HH of chapter 55 of the laws of 2025, and subdivision 4 as added by chapter 865 of the laws of 1975, are amended to read as follows:

1. There shall be within the commission a correction medical review board. It shall consist of six persons to be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. In addition, the part-time commission members shall serve on the board. Lastly, the governor shall designate ~~[one of]~~ the full-time ~~[members]~~ member other than the chair of the commission and the chair of the council as chair of the board to serve as such at the pleasure of the governor. Of the appointed members of the board one shall be a physician duly licensed to practice in this state; one shall be a physician duly licensed to practice in this state and a board certified forensic pathologist; one shall be a physician duly licensed to practice in this state and shall be a board certified forensic psychiatrist; one shall be an attorney admitted to practice in this state; two shall be members appointed at large.

4. The members of the board, other than the commission members, shall receive no compensation for their services but each member shall be entitled to receive ~~[his]~~ their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of ~~[his]~~ their duties.

§ 4. Section 3 of part H of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the correction law relating to the membership of the state commission of correction, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3. This act shall take effect ~~[immediately; provided, however, that if section 1 of part HH of chapter 55 of the laws of 2025 shall not have taken effect on or before such date then section two of this act shall take effect]~~ on the same date and in the same manner as ~~[such]~~ part HH of ~~[such]~~ chapter 55 of the laws of 2025 takes effect.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that sections one, two, and three of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the correction law relating to the membership of the state commission of

1 correction, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871,
2 takes effect.

3 PART I

4 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 146 of the correction law, as
5 amended by section 2 of part I of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending
6 the correction law relating to correctional facility visits by the
7 correctional association, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S.
8 8415 and A. 8871, is amended to read as follows:

9 3. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
10 correctional association shall be permitted to access, visit, inspect,
11 and examine all state correctional facilities with twenty-four hours
12 advance notice to the department. For any visit that will include units
13 or areas staffed by the office of mental health, such notice shall also
14 be provided to the office of mental health. Up to twelve people may
15 comprise the visiting party; provided, however, that only four people
16 from the party may enter a special housing facility or unit at the same
17 time. Prior to the visitation authorized pursuant to this subdivision,
18 the correctional association shall provide to the department on, at
19 least, an annual basis a list of people who will be visiting the facili-
20 ty or facilities, including names, dates of birth, driver's license
21 numbers and their designation as an employee, board member, or designee
22 in order for the department to perform prompt background checks. The
23 department may ~~[not]~~ place restrictions on such visits and inspections~~[,~~
24 ~~including during periods]~~ when a facility is locked down or experiencing
25 a facility wide emergency~~;~~ ~~provided, however, that].~~ In addition, the
26 department may restrict access to a portion of a facility in an emergen-
27 cy situation for the duration of the emergency. For the purpose of this
28 subdivision, an emergency shall be determined by the commissioner or the
29 commissioner's designee and defined as a significant risk to the safety
30 or security of the facility, or the health, safety or security of staff
31 or incarcerated individuals, or an event that significantly compromises
32 the operations of the facility.

33 b. ~~[At]~~ Upon twenty-four hours advance notice, at the commencement
34 ~~[and] or~~ conclusion of any visits to, or inspections and examinations
35 of, state correctional facilities, the superintendent and executive
36 team, to the extent practicable ~~[and upon request by the correctional~~
37 ~~association],~~ shall meet with the correctional association. ~~[Privately~~
38 ~~without representatives of the central office present, representatives~~
39 ~~of the office of mental health and any other entities or agencies~~
40 ~~providing services in a facility shall meet with the correctional asso-~~
41 ~~ciation, upon the correctional association's request during the course~~
42 ~~of any visit. The]~~ Upon twenty-four hours advance notice, and with the
43 consent of the party, the correctional association may meet privately,
44 without representatives of the central office present, with represen-
45 tatives of the office of mental health and any other entities or agen-
46 cies that are providing services in a facility, the incarcerated indi-
47 vidual liaison committee and representatives of the incarcerated
48 individual grievance resolution committee or any other organization of
49 incarcerated individuals recognized by the department.

50 c. During the course of any such visit, inspection or examination, and
51 upon consent of the person being interviewed, the correctional associ-
52 ation shall have the power to interview and converse publicly or confi-
53 dentially with any correctional employee or administrator, any incarcer-
54 ated individual, and any other person providing, supervising, or

1 monitoring services in a correctional facility, whether or not employed
2 by such facility. Such interviews shall not be restricted by the depart-
3 ment or the office of mental health or any other agency or attended by
4 anyone on behalf of the department or the office of mental health or any
5 other agency, nor shall there be any retaliation or adverse action taken
6 by the department or other state agency against anyone who speaks with
7 the correctional association. The department may not limit the number of
8 individuals the correctional association may interview or the duration
9 of the interviews, in any manner unreasonable under the circumstances.

10 ~~[The]~~ During the course of any visit, inspection or examination, the
11 correctional association shall have the power to conduct private, confi-
12 dential meetings reasonable in number under ~~[a facility's immediate]~~ the
13 circumstances ~~[at their pleasure and without notice to the department]~~
14 with incarcerated individuals in housing units and in attorney visiting
15 rooms or other rooms in the facility in which their conversations will
16 remain confidential. No department employee may attend or listen to any
17 such meeting without the consent of the correctional association.

18 d. The correctional association ~~[may request and receive from the~~
19 ~~department information and data as will enable the correctional associ-~~
20 ~~ation to carry out its functions, powers and duties.~~

21 ~~The correctional association shall have access to the following infor-~~
22 ~~mation and records on a quarterly basis:~~

23 ~~(i) individuals admitted into custody, which shall contain, at mini-~~
24 ~~mum, individual-level records of all individuals admitted to custody,~~
25 ~~including the individual's department ID, demographic information,~~
26 ~~admission type, reception facility name and housing unit, reception~~
27 ~~date, sentencing, and crime information;~~

28 ~~(ii) individuals under custody, which shall contain, at minimum, indi-~~
29 ~~vidual-level records of all individuals presently under custody, includ-~~
30 ~~ing the individual's department ID, demographic information, current~~
31 ~~facility name and housing unit, date of original and latest reception at~~
32 ~~the facility, out counts, sentencing and crime information, and parole~~
33 ~~eligibility and relevant dates;~~

34 ~~(iii) individuals released from custody, which shall contain, at mini-~~
35 ~~mum, individual-level records of all individuals released from custody,~~
36 ~~including the individual's department ID, demographic information,~~
37 ~~releasing facility name and housing unit, release date, release county,~~
38 ~~sentencing and crime information, and parole eligibility and relevant~~
39 ~~dates;~~

40 ~~(iv) individuals on parole, which shall contain, at minimum, individu-~~
41 ~~al-level records of all individuals on parole, including the individ-~~
42 ~~ual's department ID, demographic information, discharging facility name~~
43 ~~and housing unit, start and release date, sentencing and crime informa-~~
44 ~~tion, custody status, and voting pardon status;~~

45 ~~(v) programming, education, vocational, and work assignment require-~~
46 ~~ments, enrollment, and fulfillment, which shall contain, at minimum,~~
47 ~~individual-level records of all individuals under custody, including the~~
48 ~~individual's department ID, programs mandated by the department, and~~
49 ~~indicators of whether the individual is not enrolled, is on the wait-~~
50 ~~list, or has already completed any such requirement;~~

51 ~~(vi) departmental staffing levels, which shall contain, at minimum,~~
52 ~~facility level records of budgeted fill level, recommended staffing~~
53 ~~level, and actual filled items split by job category, including aggre-~~
54 ~~gate data on staff on leave, and on the average of daily closed posts~~
55 ~~for each quarter;~~

~~(vii) deaths, which shall contain, at minimum, individual level records of all individuals who died while under custody, including the individual's department ID, date and time of death, date of report, demographic information, facility name and housing unit at time of death, location of terminal incident, reported immediate cause of death, and an indicator of whether an autopsy was performed;~~

~~(viii) unusual incidents, which shall contain, at minimum, report level information for all unusual incidents, as defined by the department at the current time, including the incident code, the name and code of the facility where the incident took place, the date and time of the incident, the location within the facility, the name and code of the categories and subcategories indicated in the report, the roles of all individuals involved in the report (including incarcerated and nonincarcerated individuals), the weapons used by each individual, if applicable, the type of force applied by department staff on each individual, if applicable, and the degree of injury to staff and incarcerated individuals;~~

~~(ix) disciplinary charges and penalties, which shall contain, at minimum, charge-level information for all disciplinary incidents, including: the incarcerated individual's department ID and facility name; the location, date, and time of the incident; the tier, code, and description of each charge; the date of the hearing; and the outcome and penalty associated with each charge; and~~

~~(x) grievances and appeals, which shall contain, at minimum, grievance level information for all grievances filed with the department, including those resolved informally, including: the incarcerated individual's department ID; ID, date filed, category, type, and facility of the grievance; and the outcomes and outcome dates for all reviews, including those by the incarcerated grievance resolution committee, superintendent, and central office review committee.], on a quarterly basis, may request and, to the extent practicable, receive from the department in a form and manner prescribed by the department the following information and records:~~

(i) individual-level records for all individuals admitted into custody during the previous quarter, under custody at the end of the previous quarter, released from custody during the previous quarter, and on parole at the end of the previous quarter;

(ii) departmental staffing levels at each facility at the end of the previous quarter;

(iii) under custody deaths at each facility during the previous quarter;

(iv) report-level unusual incidents during the previous quarter;

(v) the number and type of disciplinary hearings held at each facility during the previous quarter, including charges and sanctions imposed;

(vi) the number and type of grievances filed at each facility during the previous quarter; and

(vii) incarcerated individuals at each facility enrolled in programming and academic and vocational education during the previous quarter.

e. The correctional association shall periodically, but not less than every five years, conduct inspections of each state correctional facility~~[, prioritized based on the correctional association's assessment of systemic issues,~~] and issue reports and recommendations to the governor, the legislature and the public about the conditions and issues at correctional facilities. When preparing such formal reports and recommendations, the correctional association shall submit a tentative copy of such report and recommendations to the commissioner. The commissioner

1 may submit a written response to such tentative report within sixty days
2 of the receipt thereof[, ~~including a plan of action for addressing the~~
3 ~~findings and recommendations~~]. When the correctional association there-
4 after submits its final report and recommendations, it shall contain a
5 complete copy of the response, if any, submitted to the tentative report
6 and recommendations.

7 f. The correctional association may send [~~written and/or electronic~~]
8 surveys or questionnaires to people in custody or employees concerning
9 conditions of confinement, working conditions, or other subjects within
10 the scope of their mission without prior approval of the department.
11 People incarcerated shall be permitted to confidentially complete and
12 return to the correctional association such surveys [~~either in written~~
13 ~~format or electronically~~]. The correctional association may also
14 receive free [~~confidential~~] phone calls [~~and emails~~] from incarcerated
15 individuals [~~and/or set up~~] through a [~~confidential~~] hotline set up by
16 the correctional association for individuals to use if they choose to
17 contact them, and the department shall not track or monitor such calls.
18 Physical mail received and sent to the correctional association is
19 defined as privileged correspondence, and any and all processing
20 controls, allowances for limited free postage, and advances of incarcer-
21 ated individual funds for postage shall apply to privileged correspond-
22 ence received and sent to the correctional association. For the purposes
23 of this section, identical incoming blank surveys and questionnaires
24 shall not be defined as privileged correspondence.

25 g. The access, visits, and inspection of state correctional facili-
26 ties by the correctional association pursuant to this subdivision shall
27 be undertaken solely in furtherance of the correctional association's
28 lawful powers, duties and obligations, and information obtained pursuant
29 to these powers shall be used solely in furtherance of the correctional
30 association's mission. Employees, board members and designees shall be
31 required to sign an acknowledgement of the foregoing as a condition of
32 entry into a correctional facility pursuant to this subdivision.

33 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
34 manner as part I of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the
35 correction law relating to correctional facility visits by the correc-
36 tional association, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and
37 A. 8871, takes effect.

PART J

39 Section 1. Section 208-a of the civil practice law and rules as added
40 by section 1 of part J of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the
41 civil practice law and rules, the general municipal law and the court of
42 claims act relating to the tolling of statute of limitations for indi-
43 viduals in state custody, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S.
44 8415 and A. 8871, is amended to read as follows:

45 § 208-a. In custody at time of cause of action. Notwithstanding any
46 provisions of law that impose a period of limitation to the contrary or
47 any provisions of any other law pertaining to the filing of a notice of
48 claim or a notice of intention to file a claim as a condition precedent
49 to commencement of an action or special proceeding, with respect to all
50 civil claims or causes of action brought by any person to recover
51 damages for physical, psychological, or other injury or condition
52 suffered while under the jurisdiction and in the care and custody or
53 supervision of: the state department of corrections and community super-
54 vision, except a person under community supervision as defined in subdi-

vision thirty-one of section two of the correction law, a hospital as defined in subdivision two of section four hundred of the correction law, a correctional facility as defined in subdivision three of section forty of the correction law, a local correctional facility as defined in subdivision two of section forty of the correction law, or an alternate correctional facility as defined in subdivision one of section eighty-seven of the correction law, the time in which such action must commence shall ~~[be extended to three years after such person is released from such custody]~~ have the full benefit of the limitations period provided in the relevant section of law and, in addition, shall have a two-year window following the date of the person's release from the relevant period of custody within which to commence an action based on such injury or condition. For any claim that would have been time-barred but for the application of this section, no notice of claim or notice of intention to file a claim shall be required as a condition precedent to the commencement of such action or special proceeding. This exemption shall not apply to any claim that was timely under the otherwise applicable statute of limitations.

§ 2. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 8 of section 50-e of the general municipal law, as added by section 2 of part J of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the civil practice law and rules, the general municipal law and the court of claims act relating to the tolling of statute of limitations for individuals in state custody, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, is REPEALED.

§ 3. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 50-e of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 738 of the laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In any case founded upon tort where a notice of claim is required by law as a condition precedent to the commencement of an action or special proceeding against a public corporation, as defined in the general construction law, or any officer, appointee or employee thereof, the notice of claim shall comply with and be served in accordance with the provisions of this section within ninety days after the claim arises; except that in wrongful death actions, the ninety days shall run from the appointment of a representative of the decedent's estate. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, this section shall not apply to any otherwise time-barred civil claims or causes of action revived by section two hundred eight-a of the civil practice law and rules. This exemption shall not apply to any claim that was timely under the otherwise applicable statute of limitations.

§ 4. Subdivision 6 of section 50-i of the general municipal law, as added by section 3 of part J of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the civil practice law and rules, the general municipal law and the court of claims act relating to the tolling of statute of limitations for individuals in state custody, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, is amended to read as follows:

6. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, ~~[this section shall not apply to any civil claims or causes of action brought by any person to recover damages for physical, psychological, or other injury or condition suffered while in custody pursuant to section two hundred eight-a of the civil practice law and rules]~~ any person who suffers physical, psychological, or other injury or condition while in custody shall have, pursuant to section two hundred eight-a of the civil practice law and rules, the full benefit of the limitations period provided in this section and, in addition, shall have a two-year window following the date of the person's release from that period of custody within

which to commence an action based on such injury or condition. For any otherwise time-barred civil claims or causes of action revived by section two hundred eight-a of the civil practice law and rules, no notice of claim shall be required as a condition precedent to the commencement of such action or special proceeding. This exemption shall not apply to any claim that was timely under the otherwise applicable statute of limitations.

§ 5. Subdivision 11 of section 10 of the court of claims act, as added by section 4 of part J of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the civil practice law and rules, the general municipal law and the court of claims act relating to the tolling of statute of limitations for individuals in state custody, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, is amended to read as follows:

11. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, ~~[this section shall not apply to any civil claims or causes of action brought by any person to recover damages for physical, psychological, or other injury or condition suffered while in custody pursuant to section two hundred eight-a of the civil practice law and rules]~~ any person who suffers physical, psychological, or other injury or condition while in custody shall have, pursuant to section two hundred eight-a of the civil practice law and rules, the full benefit of the limitations period provided in this section and, in addition, shall have a two-year window following the date of the person's release from that period of custody within which to commence an action based on such injury or condition. For any otherwise time-barred civil claims or causes of action revived by section two hundred eight-a of the civil practice law and rules, no notice of intention to file a claim shall be required as a condition precedent to the commencement of such action or special proceeding. This exemption shall not apply to any claim that was timely under the otherwise applicable statute of limitations.

§ 6. Subdivision d of section 11 of the court of claims act, as added by section 5 of part J of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the civil practice law and rules, the general municipal law and the court of claims act relating to the tolling of statute of limitations for individuals in state custody, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, is amended to read as follows:

d. Subdivision b of this section shall not apply to ~~[a claim brought by any person to recover damages for physical, psychological, or other injury or condition suffered while in custody pursuant to section two hundred eight-a of the civil practice law and rules]~~ any otherwise time-barred civil claims or causes of action revived by section two hundred eight-a of the civil practice law and rules. This exemption shall not apply to any claim that was timely under the otherwise applicable statute of limitations, provided that, the court, in exercising its discretion as otherwise permitted by law regarding the claim or notice of intention to file a claim shall, in the interest of justice, give due consideration to difficulties of proof caused by incarceration.

§ 7. Section 6 of part J of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the civil practice law and rules, the general municipal law and the court of claims act relating to the tolling of statute of limitations for individuals in state custody, as proposed in legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, is amended to read as follows:

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to periods of custody that end on or after the effective date of this act and shall not revive or otherwise extend any claim that was time-barred prior to such effective date.

1 § 8. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
2 sections one, two, three, four, five and six of this act shall take
3 effect on the same date and in the same manner as part J of a chapter of
4 the laws of 2025 amending the civil practice law and rules, the general
5 municipal law and the court of claims act relating to the tolling of
6 statute of limitations for individuals in state custody, as proposed in
7 legislative bill numbers S. 8415 and A. 8871, takes effect.

8 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-
9 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of
10 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,
11 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in
12 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section
13 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-
14 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of
15 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such
16 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

17 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that
18 the applicable effective date of Parts A through J of this act shall be
19 as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.