

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 10, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to requiring the office for the aging to make an annual report on the budget expenditures on behalf of the senior population of the state

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 16 and 17 of section 202 of the elder law,
2 subdivision 16 as amended by chapter 63 of the laws of 2022, and subdivi-
3 sion 17 as added by section 1 of subpart J of part XX of chapter 55 of
4 the laws of 2020, are amended and a new subdivision 18 is added to read
5 as follows:

6 16. to the extent appropriations are available, and in consultation
7 with the office of children and family services, conduct a public educa-
8 tion campaign that emphasizes zero-tolerance for elder abuse. Such
9 campaign shall include information about the signs and symptoms of elder
10 abuse, identification of potential causes of elder abuse, which includes
11 identity theft, resources available to assist in the prevention of elder
12 abuse, where suspected elder abuse can be reported, contact information
13 for programs offering services to victims of elder abuse such as coun-
14 seling, and assistance with arranging personal care and shelter. Such
15 campaign may include, but not be limited to: printed educational and
16 informational materials; audio, video, electronic, other media; and
17 public service announcements or advertisements; ~~and~~

18 17. subject to an appropriation, make available to designated agencies
19 as defined in paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section two hundred
20 fourteen of this title, a training program for the purpose of raising
21 awareness, removing barriers and improving services for older adults
22 based on their sexual orientation and gender identity or expression as
23 defined in section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law. Such
24 training program may include:

25 (i) an overview of the history, unique needs, and concerns of lesbian,
26 gay, bisexual, transgender, asexual, gender non-conforming and gender
27 non-binary older adults;

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

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1 (ii) reasons why lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, asexual, gender
2 non-conforming and gender non-binary older adults may choose not to
3 self-identify; and

4 (iii) tools that may be used to incorporate lesbian, gay, bisexual,
5 transgender, asexual, gender non-conforming and gender non-binary older
6 adult concerns into direct care and steps that may be taken to improve
7 the quality of services and support provided[-]; and

8 18. to issue a report annually on April first which provides a
9 complete accounting of all expenditures in the state budget on behalf of
10 the senior population of the state.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.