

# 2022 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED LAWS APPROVED BY LEGISLATURE AND SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

# INCORPORATES IDENTITY THEFT INTO DEFINITION OF ELDER ABUSE

# Chapter 63 (A8799 Cruz/S7779 May)

Incorporates identity theft into the definition of elder abuse for the purposes of support services and programs for elder persons; this new law makes clarifications to a 2021 law to ensure its effective implementation. *Effective immediately.* 

# FREE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN TEMPORARY SHELTER

#### Chapter 72 (A8783 Rosenthal L/S7697 Hinchey)

Requires providers of temporary shelter to provide sanitary napkins, tampons and panty liners to residents at no cost to residents; this new law makes changes to a 2021 law to clarify the term "temporary shelter," which includes domestic violence shelters, family shelters, adult shelters, a hotel, an emergency apartment, a runaway and homeless youth shelter or a safe house for refugees. *Effective immediately*.

# INFORMATION REGARDING SOCIAL OR LEGAL SERVICES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS Chapter 80 (A8738 Hevesi/S7712 Ramos)

Requires law enforcement agencies or district attorney's offices to inform human trafficking victims of the availability of online information regarding social or legal services for such victims; requires law enforcement agencies or district attorney's offices to offer to contact the appropriate service provider and connect such provider with the victim, when requested by the victim. *Effective immediately.* 

# STRENGTHENS AND EXPANDS PROTECTIONS FOR DV SURVIVORS UNDER HUMAN RIGHTS LAW Chapter 202 (A9601B Lucas/S8417B Persaud)

Ensures DV survivors are not discriminated against by: employment agencies; labor organizations; apprenticeship or on-the-job training programs; executive programs; occupational training or retraining programs; internships; owners or managers of public accommodations, resorts or amusements; owners or landlords of housing accommodations or those furnishing facilities or services in connection with such housing; owners or landlords of commercial space; the reserved armed forces of the U.S. or the organized militia of the state; real estate brokers, salespersons or agents; real estate boards; educational institutions in the use of its facilities; volunteer fire departments or fire companies; or when applying for credit with respect to the purchase, acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, repair or maintenance of a house, land or commercial space. *Effective immediately*.

# ADULT SURVIVORS ACT

# Chapter 203 (A648A Rosenthal L./S66A Hoylman)

Creates a one-year lookback window for survivors of sexual assault that occurred when they were over the age of 18 to sue their abusers regardless of when the abuse occurred; the one-year window will begin in six months and will allow survivors to sue regardless of the statute of limitations; requires the Office of Court Administration

(OCA) to promulgate rules for the timely adjudication of revived actions. *Effective immediately; OCA rules must* be developed by August 24, 2022.

# EXPANDS GROUP OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AUTHORIZED TO FILE EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER APPLICATIONS AND REQUIRES POLICE/DA'S TO FILE BASED ON 'CREDIBLE EVIDENCE' Chapter 208 (A10502 Cahill/S9113A Skoufis)

Expands the group of health care professionals authorized to file an application for an extreme risk protection order for a person they have examined to include licensed clinical social workers, master social workers, physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, and mental health counselors, in addition to registered nurses, nurse specialists, certified nurse practitioners, and registered professional nurses; requires police and district attorneys to file applications when presented with "credible evidence"; requires the State Police to develop, maintain and disseminate written policies and procedures regarding the availability of and procedure for filing extreme risk protection order applications. *Effective July 6, 2022.* 

# CREATES TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NON-BINARY WELLNESS AND EQUITY PROGRAM Chapter 232 and Approval Memo 9 (A9418A Cruz/S8884A Hoylman)

Establishes the Transgender and Gender Non-Binary Wellness and Equity Fund under the administration of the AIDS Institute to fund grants, when appropriated by the Legislature, to organizations serving people that identify as transgender, non-binary and/or intersex. *Effective April 1, 2023.* 

# SIMPLIFIES DEBT COLLECTION PROCEDURES RELATED TO IDENTITY THEFT

# Chapter 238 (A7487 Fall/S9359 Thomas)

Removes requirement for victims of identity theft to report such crime to law enforcement in order for collection activities against them to be suspended; instead, a victim could provide a signed Federal Trade Commission identity theft victim's report, a self-attestation that the victim was coerced to authorize the use of their name or personal information for incurring the debt, or criminal or family court documents. *Effective December 30, 2022 and applies to all claims filed on or after that date.* 

### VICTIM COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS OF UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF PHOTOS Chapter 239 (A7489 Wallace/S8975 Salazar)

Expands eligibility for victim compensation to crime victims who did not suffer a physical injury but were victims of the crime of unlawful dissemination or publication of an intimate image. *Effective December 30, 2022 and applies to all claims filed on or after that date.* 

#### VICTIM COMPENSATION FOR RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT IN FIRST OR SECOND DEGREE Chapter 343 (A7502 Rajkumar/S8976 Salazar)

Expands eligibility for victim compensation to crime victims who did not suffer a physical injury but were victims of the crimes of reckless endangerment in the second or first degree. *Effective December 30, 2022 and applies to all claims filed on or after that date.* 

# EXPANDS NUMBER OF JUDGES IN CERTAIN JUDICIAL DISTRICTS AND FAMILY COURT Chapter 365 (A10505 Lavine/S9466 Hoylman)

Adds four new Family Court judges in NYC, one new Family Court judge in Nassau County and two new Family Court judges in Saratoga County; adds one or two new Supreme Court justices in each judicial district in the state. *Effective immediately, with new positions to be filled after the November 8, 2022 election.* 

# NOTICE OF BASIC RIGHTS TO THOSE APPLYING FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

# Chapter 377 (A5817A Hunter/S3178A Sanders)

Requires posting of the rights of individuals who are applying to receive assistance, including the right to a fair hearing, to ask about emergency assistance, child care or special services to those experiencing domestic violence, to apply for all benefits and services, to obtain free language services, and to obtain a written notice of such benefits; these rights are already enshrined in law but individuals seeking benefits may not be aware of them. *Effective August 31, 2022.* 

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING POSTERS IN ADULT ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

# Chapter 387 (A7818B Cruz/S3374B Bailey)

Requires the display of posters on human trafficking by businesses with on-premises alcoholic beverage licenses that offer topless entertainment and/or exotic dancing such as pole dancing and lap dancing; such signs will be in English and Spanish and will include information on human trafficking and the toll-free telephone number of the National Human Trafficking Hotline; violators may be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$100 for each day of violation. *Effective August 20, 2022.* 

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING INFORMATION POSTED IN PORT AUTHORITY AIRPORTS

# Chapter 388 (A9169 Paulin/S8262 Kaplan)

Requires information about services for human trafficking victims to be posted in Port Authority airports; such information, which will be developed by OTDA and the NYS Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking, or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, will be available in plain view and in a conspicuous manner in public restrooms, informational cards and/or signs. *Effective September 20, 2022.* 

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING INFORMATION POSTED IN AIRPORTS

# Chapter 389 (A9406 Paulin/S8710 Brouk)

Requires information about services for human trafficking victims to be posted in commercial service airports; such information, which will be developed by OTDA and the NYS Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking, or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, will be available in plain view and in a conspicuous manner in public restrooms, informational cards and/or signs. *Effective September 20, 2022.* 

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING INFORMATION POSTED IN PORT AUTHORITY BUS TERMINALS Chapter 390 (A9410 Paulin/S8573 Kaplan)

Requires information about services for human trafficking victims to be posted in Port Authority bus terminals; such information, which will be developed by OTDA and the NYS Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking, or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, will be available in plain view and in a conspicuous manner in public restrooms, informational cards and/or signs. *Effective September 20, 2022.* 

#### HUMAN TRAFFICKING INFORMATION POSTED IN TRUCK STOP BATHROOM FACILITIES Chapter 391 (A9814 Paulin/S8678 Brouk)

Requires information about services for human trafficking victims be posted in bathroom facilities at truck stops; such information, which will be developed by OTDA and the NYS Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking, or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, will be available in plain view and in a conspicuous manner in public restrooms, informational cards and/or signs. *Effective September 20, 2022.* 

# FUTURE BARTENDERS TO BE TRAINED IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

#### Chapter 392 with Approval Memo #11 (A9821 Jean-Pierre/S7360 Skoufis)

Requires human trafficking awareness trainings to be included in all 34 bartending courses recognized by the NYS Liquor Authority as part of its Alcohol Training Awareness Program. *Effective January 20, 2023.* 

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING FOR HOTEL STAFF

# Chapter 393 (A887C Paulin/S244B Mayer)

Requires lodging facilities such as hotels and motels to have all employees who are likely to come into contact with guests complete a human trafficking recognition training program; the training program will be established or approved by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) with assistance from the NYS Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking and would include information on the nature of human trafficking, how human trafficking is defined in law, how to identify victims of human trafficking, who to contact, such as the national human trafficking hotline, relief and recovery options, and social and legal services; all new employees would receive training within their first 60 days of employment. *Effective July 20, 2023*.

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING INFORMATION POSTED IN SERVICE AREA BATHROOM FACILITIES

# Chapter 394 (A9883A Paulin/S8711A Cleare)

Requires information about services for human trafficking victims to be posted in bathroom facilities at service areas maintained by the Thruway Authority; such information, which will be developed by OTDA and the NYS Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking, or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, will be available in plain view and in a conspicuous manner in public restrooms, informational cards and/or signs. *Effective September* 20, 2022.

# 2022 FIREARMS LAWS APPROVED BY LEGISLATURE AND SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

### REDEFINES DEFINITION OF LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION FEEDING DEVICE Chapter 209 (A10428A Peoples-Stokes/S9229A Hoylman)

Closes a loophole in the Penal Law related to large capacity ammunition feeding devices by no longer requiring prosecutors to unnecessarily prove the date of manufacture of the device, which is often impossible; simplifies law by consolidating the provisions banning large capacity ammunition feeding devices into a single section of law. *Effective immediately although some provisions will take effect on July 6, 2022 and September 6, 2022.* 

# UNLAWFUL PURCHASE AND SALE OF A BODY VEST

# Chapter 210 (A10497 Jacobson/S9407B Kavanagh)

Makes the purchase or possession of a bullet-proof vest illegal unless one is an active law enforcement officer, firefighter or other first responder or employed in an occupation which requires the use of body vests. *Effective July 6, 2022.* 

# REDEFINES FIREARM TO INCLUDE OTHER WEAPONS DESIGNED TO EXPEL A PROJECTILE BY ACTION OF EXPLOSIVE

#### Chapter 211 (A10504 Burgos/S9456 Sepulveda)

Redefines the term "firearm" to include illegally altered weapons or created weapons that contain housing designed to be converted to expel a projectile by action of an explosive; such weapons would be covered by relevant provisions of the penal law. *Effective July 6, 2022.* 

# NO SALE OF SEMIAUTOMATIC RIFLES TO INDIVIDUALS AGED 20 AND YOUNGER

#### Chapter 212 (A10503 Jackson/S9458 Thomas)

Requires a person be at least 21 years of age and obtain a license to purchase or take possession of a semiautomatic rifle before taking possession of such weapon; applies only to purchases or transfers of ownership made on or after the effective date. *Effective September 6, 2022.* 

# MODIFIES CONCEALED CARRY WEAPON LAW

#### Chapter 371 (A41001 Heastie/S51001 Stewart-Cousins)

Modifies concealed carry permitting process and adds specific eligibility requirements, including the taking and passing of firearm training courses for permit applicants; identifies sensitive locations where carrying concealed weapons is prohibited; establishes that private property owners must expressly allow a person to possess a firearm, rifle or shotgun on their property; gives state oversight over background checks for firearms, run regular checks on license holders for criminal convictions and create a statewide license and ammunition database. *Effective September 1, 2022 with some provisions effective April 1, 2023.* 

# 2022 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH LAWS APPROVED BY LEGISLATURE AND SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

# STUDY OF UNMET HEALTH AND RESOURCE NEEDS OF PREGNANT NEW YORKERS Chapter 217 (A5499 Glick/S470 Hoylman)

Authorizes the Department of Health (DOH) to conduct a study and issue a report examining the unmet health and resource needs facing pregnant New Yorkers and the impact of limited-service pregnancy centers, often referred to as "crisis pregnancy centers," on the ability of women to obtain accurate, non-coercive health care information and timely access to a comprehensive range of reproductive and sexual health care services. *Effective immediately*.

# CREATES CAUSE OF ACTION FOR UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WITH PROTECTED RIGHTS Chapter 218 with Approval Memo 6 (A10094A Burdick/S9039A Biaggi)

Creates a claim of unlawful interference with protected rights which would arise when a person demonstrates that they exercised or attempted to exercise lawfully provided medical care, including services related to pregnancy, contraception or the termination of a pregnancy, and such exercise results in litigation or criminal charges brought against that person in any court of the United States or its territories; a commencement of claim must occur no later than six years after the violation of this new law was committed. *Effective immediately*.

# PROTECTIONS FOR ABORTION SERVICE PROVIDERS

# Chapter 219 with Approval Memo 7 (A10372A Lavine/S9077A Krueger)

Provides additional judicial protections to abortion providers in New York State by creating a statutory exception for the extradition of abortion providers to states where abortion is illegal, exempting New York's abortion providers from interstate discovery and interstate witness subpoena laws, and prohibiting law enforcement from cooperating with anti-abortion states' investigations regarding abortions that took place legally. *Effective immediately.* 

# PROHIBITS PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT CHARGES AGAINST REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS

# Chapter 220 (A9687B Rosenthal L/S9709B Kaplan)

Prohibits disciplinary measures against reproductive health care practitioners who provide services to patients who reside in states where such services are illegal; ensures out-of-state applicants seeking licensure, certification or authorization in New York are not denied such licensure solely on the basis of being subject to disciplinary action by another jurisdiction for performing an abortion. *Effective immediately*.

# PROHIBIT MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURERS FROM TAKING ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS

# Chapter 221 (A9718B Rosenthal L/S9080B Hinchey)

Prohibits medical malpractice insurance companies from taking any adverse action against a reproductive health care provider who provides legal reproductive health care. *Effective immediately.* 

# PROVIDES ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY TO PROTECT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS Chapter 222 (A9818A Paulin/S9384A Cleare)

Permits reproductive health care service providers, employees, volunteers, patients or immediate family members of reproductive health care service providers to be eligible for the Address Confidentiality Program. *Effective September 13, 2022.* 

# OTHER RELEVANT 2022 LAWS APPROVED BY LEGISLATURE AND SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

#### WORKPLACE SEXUAL HARASSMENT HOTLINE Chapter 138 (A2035B Niou/S812B Biaggi)

Establishes a toll-free, confidential hotline for reporting workplace sexual harassment to be administered by the Division of Human Rights (DHR) and staffed by pro bono attorneys; requires DHR to work with the Department of Labor (DOL) to ensure information about the hotline is included in any information employers must post or provide to employees regarding sexual harassment. *Effective July 16, 2022.* 

# ENSURES STATE EMPLOYEES CAN BE SUED FOR HARASSMENT

# Chapter 139 (A2483B Niou/S3395A Gounardes)

Clarifies that the State's anti-harassment provisions of the Human Rights Law apply to all state and public employers, including executive, legislative and judicial employers, to ensure employees of such state and public employers are provided the same protections against harassment as employees of private employers. *Effective immediately*.

# PROHIBITS RELEASE OF PERSONNEL FILES IN RETALIATION AGAINST EMPLOYEES WHO COMPLAIN ABOUT DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES

# Chapter 140 (A7101 Gonzalez-Rojas/S5870 Gounardes)

Prohibits employers from releasing personnel records to discount victims of workplace discrimination who have complained about such practices; authorizes the state Attorney General to commence an investigation if an employer has been or is about to retaliate or discriminate against such an employee. *Effective immediately.* 

# PREVENTS WRONGFUL DENIAL OF FOIL REQUESTS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

# Chapter 155 (A8734 Englebright/S7734 Skoufis)

Requires a state agency that is considering denying access to state records as a result of a Freedom of Information Act request to receive confirmation from law enforcement or the investigating agency conducting the investigation that disclosure of such records will interfere with an ongoing investigation. *Effective immediately*.

# REMOVES TERM 'INCORRIGIBLE' FROM EDUCATION LAW

# Chapter 181 (A7981 Reyes/S6744 Salazar)

Removes the term "incorrigible" from certain sections of the education law; the term, implicitly and in practice, singles out girls of color for not matching expectations of stereotypical "feminine" behavior and labels them as uncorrectable or unreformable. *Effective immediately*.

# PROVIDES ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TRAINING TO FIREFIGHTERS, EMS PERSONNEL Chapter 185 (A7686 Frontus/S7144 Sanders)

Provides addiction and mental health services training, including crisis intervention team training, mental health first aid, implicit bias training and naloxone training to firefighters and emergency medical services personnel. *Effective immediately*.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS TO COLLECT REPORTS OF HATEFUL CONDUCT Chapter 204 (A7865A Fahy/S4511A Kaplan)

Requires social media networks to provide and maintain a clear and easily accessible mechanism for users to report incidents of conduct intended to vilify, humiliate or incite violence against a group of people on the basis of race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression; would require networks to provide a direct response to anyone reporting such conduct to inform them how the matter is being handled; would authorize the state Attorney General to assess a penalty of \$1,000 each day a network knowingly fails to comply with these requirements. *Effective December 6, 2022.* 

#### CREATES TASK FORCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM

#### Chapter 213 (A10501 Meeks/S9465 Bailey)

Establishes a task force on social media and violent extremism within the Department of Law to study, investigate and make recommendations relating to the use, policies, programs and practices of online social media companies and any role they have in promoting, facilitating, and providing platforms for individuals to plan and promote acts of violence; the task force would also receive and investigate complaints from any source regarding broadcasting, streaming, promoting or otherwise facilitating acts of violence. *Effective immediately*.

#### THE JOHN R. LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF NEW YORK

#### Chapter 226 with Approval Memo 8 (A6678E Walker/S1046E Myrie)

Establishes rights of action for denying or abridging the right of any member of a protected class to vote; provides assistance to language-minority groups; requires certain political subdivisions to receive preclearance for potential violations of the law and creates civil liability for voter intimidation and deceptive practices. *Effective July 1, 2023.* 

# REQUIRES NON-REGULATED CHILDREN'S CAMPS TO PERFORM BACKGROUND CHECKS ON STAFF Chapter 248 (A8136B Paulin/S3966B Reichlin-Melnick)

Requires all children's camps, including those not licensed by DOH, to check national and state sex offender registries for staff and volunteers. *Effective December 30, 2022.* 

#### REPLACE ANTIQUATED "MENTALLY RETARDED" LANGUAGE IN STATUTE Chapter 477 (A7443C Abinanti/S6195B Persaud)

Replaces references to "mentally retarded" individual to "person with a mental illness or developmental disability" in Social Services Law. *Effective immediately after becoming law*.

# 2022 BILLS APPROVED BY LEGISLATURE AND AWAITING ACTION BY GOVERNOR

# INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PRE- AND POST-PROPHYLAXIS

#### A807 O'Donnell/S688 Hoylman

Would require insurance companies that provide coverage for medications to include coverage for the cost of pre- and post-prophylaxis coverage to prevent HIV infection. *Effective immediately after becoming law*.

# UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF A PERSONAL IMAGE

#### A1121C Buttenschon/S7211B Savino

Would create a crime of unlawful dissemination or publication of personal images of crimes being committed against a victim, without the victim's consent, with the intent of degrading or abusing the victim or otherwise causing harm to the emotional, financial or physical welfare of the victim or victim's family, or for the actor's own or another person's amusement, entertainment or profit; would provide victims and their family members the right to pursue a civil action against perpetrators within three years after dissemination or publication and allows victims to pursue court orders to require websites to permanently remove the images. *Effective 60 days after becoming law.* 

#### RAISES AGE FOR YOUTH TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR HOMELESS SHELTER

#### A2263 Fernandez/S813 Biaggi

Would increase the age at which homeless youth can continue to receive shelter services at an independent living program from 21 to 24, which is already permitted in NYC shelters. *Effective immediately after becoming law*.

# WOULD ESTABLISH OFFICE OF RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### A2358B Peoples-Stokes/S3468B Kennedy

Would create a new office within the Executive Branch called the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice to serve as the official state planning and coordinating office for changes in policy, practice and allocation of state resources; new office would establish and coordinate development of the state's racial equity and social justice action plan, which would include racial equity and social justice training for all state employees. **Would be** *effective on July 1, 2023.* 

# DV TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR FORENSIC CHILD CUSTODY EVALUATORS

#### A2375C Dinowitz/S6385B Hoylman

Would clarify that court ordered forensic child custody evaluators must be licensed psychologists, social workers or psychiatrists; would require such individuals to receive DV and child abuse-related training at least every two years; requires the state Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV) to contract with NYSCADV to develop and provide the training. *Effective 180 days after becoming law*.

# REPLACES DEFINITION OF SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS IN CORRECTIONS LAW TO DEFINITION IN MENTAL HEALTH LAW

# A2441 Aubry/S2144 Sepulveda

Would modify the definition of serious mental illness in corrections law with the definition in mental health law to ensure consistency and ensure that incarcerated individuals who are seriously mentally ill may not be placed in solitary confinement. *Effective 90 days after becoming law.* 

# PERMITS DV SURVIVORS TO MAKE WRITTEN REQUEST FOR HEALTH INSURERS TO USE ALTERNATE CONTACT INFORMATION

### A2519A Cymbrowitz/S7263A Liu

Would require health insurers to permit DV survivors, at their written request, to designate alternative contact information for themselves and their children for the purpose of receiving specific claim information or for billing purposes; once a DV survivor provides a valid order of protection or written request, the insurer may not disclose the survivor's contact information or nature of the covered services to the policy holder, and may only send claim and billing information to the newly-designated mailing address, telephone number or other method of contact; this accommodation will remain in effect for the duration of the order of protection or until a written request is made by the DV survivor to no longer use the newly-designated contact information. *Effective Jan. 1 after becoming law.* 

# EXPANDS ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME VISITING SERVICES TO THOSE ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WHO ARE EXEMPT FROM WORK ACTIVITIES

#### A2549 Fahy/S9106 Persaud

Would require local social services districts (DSS) to provide information about home visiting services to applicants and recipients of public assistance; would require DSS to encourage individuals to participate and to assign them to a work activity where home visiting services would count toward the individual's work requirements. *Effective immediately after becoming law*.

# STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN FOR ACCEPTANCE, INCLUSION AND UNDERSTANDING OF DIVERSITY A5913A Lavine/S123A Kaplan

Would require DHR to develop and implement a statewide campaign to increase awareness and promote the acceptance, inclusion, tolerance and understanding of the diversity of New Yorkers, including diversity based on religion, race, color, creed, sex, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression; the purpose of the campaign would be to combat bias, hatred and discrimination in all forms. **Would be effective April 1, 2023.** 

# PERMIT SELF-ATTESTATION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM TO CANCEL PHONE, CABLE CONTRACTS A6207B Rosenthal L/S7157A Parker

Would permit a DV survivor to provide a self-attestation in writing of their eligibility to cancel bundled or multifamily telephone and cable contracts, and/or utility contracts; would restrict such providers from asking DV survivors to disclose confidential information relating to their status as a DV victim; would restrict such companies from setting restrictive conditions, such as requiring arrears be paid, prohibiting victims from obtaining a new phone number or requiring approval by the primary account holder. *Effective immediately after becoming law*.

# ENCOURAGE MORE KINSHIP CAREGIVERS TO SEEK TANF GRANTS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN THEIR CARE A6266A Hevesi/S2586A Brisport

Would remove requirement for kinship foster caregivers, when there is good cause, to agree to cooperate with local DSS in seeking support from absent parents, many of whom are related to the kinship foster caregivers but are unable to care for their children because of drug/alcohol abuse, mental illness, incarceration or neglect; good cause for exempting kinship foster caregivers' participation in seeking support from absent parents includes domestic violence and emotional harm to children and caregivers that might occur if support is pursued. *Effective immediately after becoming law.* 

# PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION BASED ON CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS

#### A6328A Cruz/S6586A Liu

Would establish definition for the term "citizenship or immigration status" within the Human Rights Law and applies such term to the various lists of protected classes throughout the different areas of the Human Rights Law; the term is defined as "the citizenship of any person or the immigration status of any person who is not a citizen of the United States." *Effective immediately after becoming law.* 

# EXEMPTS CERTAIN INCOME AND RESOURCES IN DETERMINING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY A6709B Rosenthal L/S5759B Brisport

Would apply to runaway and homeless youth participating in a pilot project where they receive monthly cash transfers for a limited period of time along with access to supportive services; bill would ensure these payments cannot be considered as income for the purposes of determining eligibility for public assistance benefits. *Effective* **90** days after becoming law.

# REQUIRES COMMUNITY SUPERVISION PROGRAMS TO BE INTEGRATED INTO EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATIONAL SCHEDULES

#### A6977A Davila/S643A Sepulveda

Would prohibit the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) to require a person on community supervision to take, as a condition of such supervision, any action that would unreasonably interfere with their employment, educational or vocational training schedule unless such program is a residential treatment program; bill would permit parolees who are gainfully employed to attend required programs outside of their work hours. *Effective immediately after becoming law*.

# INCREASES SEVERITY OF OFFENSE OF SEXUAL CONDUCT AGAINST CHILD IN 3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE A7079C Burdick/S9447 Skoufis

Would clarify that the insertion of a finger into the vagina, penis or anus of another person by forcible compulsion, when the victim is incapable of consent by reason of being physically helpless, is younger than 11 years old or is younger than 13 years old and the actor is 18 years old or older, may be prosecuted in the same manner as when a foreign object is inserted. *Effective 30 days after becoming law*.

# CLARIFIES RIGHTS OF NON-MARITAL PARENTS IN COURT PROCEEDINGS

# A7347 Hevesi/S6389 Brisport

Would ensure that all parents – including those who fail to comply with a known or unknown obligation to pay support to a foster care agency – do not have their parental rights prematurely terminated without a proper hearing. *Effective immediately after becoming law.* 

# STATE-PROVIDED CHILD CARE SHOULD NOT BE BASED ON WORK OR TRAINING SCHEDULE OF PARENTS A7661 Hevesi/S6655A Brisport

Would clarify that a DSS is not required to limit authorized childcare services strictly based on the work, training or educational schedule of the parents; the bill is intended to help low-income, homeless and other families who are working part-time, have rotating schedules or who are participating in educational and vocational activities benefit from childcare assistance. *Effective 90 days after becoming law*.

#### CONFIDENTIALITY OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE VICTIMS' VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS A7748A Thiele/S3855A Kennedy

Would permit sexual violence victims to petition the Supreme Court to keep their voter registration records confidential; such accommodation is already available for victims of DV. *Effective 120 days after becoming law.* 

# EXPANDS RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO PERMIT USE OF RENT STABILIZED UNITS IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS

#### A8098 Cymbrowitz/S7235 Kavanagh

Would permit certain rental assistance programs to use rent stabilized units in affordable housing projects, maximizing the benefits of rental assistance while subsidies are available without diminishing the long-term affordability of the housing under rent stabilization. *Effective immediately after becoming law*.

# REQUIRES COURT-ORDERED WEAPONS SEARCH WHEN DEFENDANT REFUSES TO SURRENDER WEAPONS A8102A Clark/S6363A Mayer

Upon the issuance of an Order of Protection, courts must currently order surrender of firearms if certain risk factors are present; if defendant willfully refuses to surrender firearms, would require courts to order an immediate search and seizure of firearms, rifles, and shotguns. *Effective immediately after becoming law*.

# ASK PARTIES TO ORDERS OF PROTECTION ABOUT EXISTENCE, LOCATION OF WEAPONS A8105B Clark/S6443B Mayer

Would require a Criminal Court to ask the prosecutor and defendant, and a Family Court to ask the petitioner and the respondent, about the existence and location of any firearm owned or possessed by the defendant/respondent whenever an Order of Protection is issued. *Effective immediately after becoming law, applying to all OPs issued on or after that date.* 

# STUDY OF EMPLOYMENT RATE OF TRANSGENDER PEOPLE IN NYS

#### A8133 Paulin/S5933A Parker

Would require DOL and DHR to conduct a study on the employment rate of transgender people in the state; the study would determine whether a disparity exists between their employment rate and that of other state residents, to determine to what extent discrimination and other barriers affect their employment rate and determine what changes, if any, should be made to state policies; a report of the study's findings will be posted on DOL's website one year after the law is signed. *Effective immediately after becoming law*.

#### **REPEAL OF DOCCS INCARCERATION FEES**

#### A8215 Meeks/S5981 Myrie

Would prohibit DOCCS from collecting an "incarceration fee" of up to \$1 a week from compensation paid to incarcerated people for work performed while incarcerated to "offset the cost of incarceration." *Effective immediately after becoming law.* 

### ASSESSMENT OF JUVENILE RECIDIVISM

#### A9090A Kelles/S8231A Salazar

Would require the state Office for Children and Family Services (OCFS) to submit an annual report about juvenile recidivism and the cost of juvenile incarceration; the assessment would include trends in youth detention, the costs in dollars, the psychological impacts and any correlation with adult offending, racial disparities in those incarcerated and how long youth are held pre-trial leading to negative mental, emotional and physical health impacts. *Effective immediately after becoming law.* 

#### PERMITS ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC BENEFITS DOCUMENTATION

#### A9118A Rosenthal L/S6348A May

Would authorize DSS to accept applications or other paperwork relating to public assistance electronically. *Effective immediately after becoming law.* 

# PERMITS KIDNAPPING VICTIMS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM A9594A Paulin/S7664A Harckham

Would include victims of kidnapping as eligible participants to the Address Confidentiality Program, empowering victims and allowing them to rebuild their lives with privacy. *Effective 90 days after becoming law*.

# CREATES STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC TRACKING SYSTEM FOR SEXUAL OFFENSE EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS A9596A Paulin/S7867A Biaggi

Would create a sexual assault kit tracking system to give survivors agency and allow them to access information about the status of their kit, if and when they are ready; would require DCJS, in consultation with DOH, the state Office of Victim Services (OVS), NYS Police and the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NYSCASA), to develop the system; all medical providers, law enforcement, forensic laboratories and other entities that have custody of kits would be required to participate by Jan. 1, 2024. *Effective immediately after becoming law*.

#### ESTABLISHES LGBTQ+ ADVISORY BOARD

#### A9648A Kelles/S6501B May

Would create a 12-member LGBTQ+ advisory board to advise the Governor on the development of economic, professional, cultural and educational links between NYS and the LGBTQ+ community and advise state agencies in developing policies designed to meet the community's needs; the Advisory Board also would undertake studies, conduct research and prepare reports to formulate and present recommendations to the Governor. *Effective 180 days after becoming law.* 

# PROVIDE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS WITH INFO FROM STATEWIDE CHILD ABUSE REGISTER

### A9664 Woerner/S8677 Kaplan

Would permit private, nonprofit, child advocacy centers to access information contained in the statewide central register of child abuse and maltreatment for the purpose of conducting comprehensive background checks to vet prospective and current personnel. *Effective immediately after becoming law*.

### INFORMED CONSENT FOR MEDICAL PROCEDURES

#### A9677 Tapia/S1172C Rivera

Would include in a hospital's patient bill of rights additional provisions clearly stating a patient's right to receive all information necessary to provide informed consent, such as information regarding the foreseeable and clinically significant risks and benefits of a proposed procedure. *Effective Jan. 1 after becoming law.* 

# OPERATION OF YOUTH SERVICES UNIT IN PORT AUTHORITY POLICE DEPARTMENT A9968 Paulin/S8907 Cleare

Would direct the Port Authority Police Department to operate youth services units at bus terminals and airports operated by the authority, at all Port Authority Trans-Hudson stations and at the World Trade Center; the objective of the new units is to get at-risk youths the services they need, to deter perpetrators and to reduce the number of children who become trafficking victims. *Effective after the State of New Jersey passes similar legislation*.

# **REPLACE OUTDATED IMMIGRATION TERMS IN STATUTE**

#### A10147 Davila/S9333 Ramos

Would replace the terms "alien" and "illegal alien" with "noncitizen" and "undocumented noncitizen" throughout New York State statute. *Effective immediately after becoming law.* 

# EXTEND LENGTH OF TIME FOR CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE

#### A10209A Lunsford/S9029A Ramos

Would allow DSS to extend a family's eligibility for childcare subsidies after application for public benefits from 12 months to up to 24 months. *Effective immediately after becoming law.* 

# STUDY OF CURRENT UTILIZATION OF PAID FAMILY LEAVE

# A10224A Nolan/S9167A Addabbo

Would create a nine-member temporary commission to conduct a comprehensive study, and prepare a report on, the current utilization of paid family leave; the commission would gather and analyze demographic information of people receiving benefits, including age, gender, race, geographic region of the state, industry or type of employment, average amount of benefits received and length of time taken, type of leave taken, ease of use, etc. *Effective immediately and shall expire two years after becoming law*.

# CREATE SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

# A10494A Cymbrowitz/S9462 Kavanagh

Would create a Joint Legislative Commission on Affordable Housing to assess the effectiveness of current, affordable housing programs and provide recommendations for improvements and new programs to increase the supply and production of affordable housing. *Effective immediately, expiring one year after commission members are first appointed.* 

# EQUALITY AMENDMENT

#### A41002 Seawright/S51002 Stewart-Cousins

Constitutional amendment providing that no person shall be denied the equal protection of the law because of race, color ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, creed, religion, or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy. *Legislation must be approved by next year's newly elected Legislature before it can go to voters in 2023 or 2024*.

# 2022 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED BILLS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY

# **REVIEW OF POST-JUDGMENT MOTIONS**

#### A98A Quart/S266A Myrie

Would provide people previously convicted of crimes the opportunity for meaningful review to ensure redress for wrongful convictions, including in cases where the individual pleaded guilty; would permit individuals to submit various types of evidence to prove their innocence to the court and would require courts to order hearings in cases where there are credible claims of innocence.

#### **REVIEW OF POST-JUDGMENT MOTIONS**

#### A172 Paulin/S354 Hoylman

Changes current law requiring a jury to apportion liability between the perpetrator and a negligent landlord when a tenant is raped by an intruder who gained access to the tenant's building through a defect in the building's security; would clarify that allocation of liability would not apply to a person who owns, manages and/or controls property who is held liable for failing to provide security as required by law.

#### RAISE MONETARY DAMAGES REQUIRED FOR CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

#### A2266 Aubry/S2888 Sepulveda

Would adjust the monetary damage threshold for criminal mischief in the second and third degrees to the same thresholds as grand larceny so perpetrators who steal private property are held equally accountability to those who damage private property.

#### UNLAWFUL USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT

#### A4962 Zebrowski/S3235 Sanders

Would create the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft if an operator intentionally violates federal rules or regulations or operates a recreational or personal unmanned aircraft in a reckless manner that may endanger the life or safety of another person or property of a person.

# LICENSED PROFESSIONALS TO REPORT PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT TO STATE ED DEPT A5495 Glick/No Same As

Would require licensed professionals to report any conviction of a crime, professional misconduct, or employment termination to the NYS Department of Education (SED) within 30 days; would allow SED to temporarily suspend a professional license if found to be necessary for the public's health, safety or welfare.

# BAN VIRGINITY EXAMS

#### A5517B Solages/S104B Persaud

Would ban physical examinations for the purposes of determining virginity in NYS.

#### **REMOVE PENETRATION REQUIREMENT FROM RAPE STATUTE**

#### A6319A Cruz/S1075A Hoylman

Would remove the penetration requirement from rape statutes and redefine rape to include oral and anal sexual conduct.

#### WEBSITES PROVIDING INMATE INFORMATION

#### A7247A Abinanti/S4812A Reichlin-Melnick

Would require websites that provide information about incarcerated individuals to be searchable by the inmate's name, former legal name or any other known alias.

# **CREATS CIVIL RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR EVICTION PROCEEDINGS**

#### A7570C Joyner/S6678C May

Would create a civil right to counsel in eviction proceedings and ensure tenants receive a written notice of such right before any court filing or proceeding can continue; would establish the NYS Office of Civil Justice, with the position of Civil Justice Coordinator, to contract with nonprofit legal services organizations and community-based organizations to provide legal services and/or tenants' rights education and tenant organizing.

#### **REQUIRE JUVENILE ORDERS OF PROTECTION TO HAVE EXPIRATION DATES**

#### A7649 Davila/No Same As

Would require courts to set expiration dates on orders of protection issued in juvenile delinquency, Persons in Need of Supervision, child abuse and neglect, and permanency planning hearings; would also set an initial period of up to 21 days for temporary orders of protection, which may be extended by the court for good cause, upon notice to the juvenile.

# PERMIT ADJOURNMENTS IN CONTEMPLATION OF DISMISSAL IN FAMILY COURT

#### A7683 Lavine/No Same As

Would permit Family Courts to authorize adjournments in contemplation of dismissal both before or upon a finding that a family offense has occurred; would require the consent of both the respondent and petitioner, as well as the approval of Family Court and an attorney for the child, if one is appointed.

# ELIMINATE POLICE REPORTING REQUIREMENT TO RECEIVE VICTIM COMPENSATION (FAIR ACCESS TO VICTIM COMPENSATION ACT)

#### A8619B Meeks/S7573A Myrie

Would specify that a victim is eligible for compensation regardless of whether a suspect has been arrested, charged, apprehended or prosecuted, or whether the victim interacted with the law enforcement agency investigating the crime; would expand the types of documentation a victim can provide with a claim to include self-attestation or a statement by a third party such as a DV advocate, medical/mental health provider, an Order of Protection, or a video, audio or photo recording the crime; would extend the timeframe for filing claims from one year to three years.

#### ESTABLISH THE NYS COMMUNITY COMMISSION ON REPARATIONS REMEDIES

### A9435 Solages/S7215 Brisport

Would establish the NYS community commission on reparations remedies to examine the institution of slavery, racial and economic discrimination against Black people, the impact of these forces on living Black people and to make recommendations on appropriate remedies.

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# CLARIFY NOTICE GIVEN TO RESPONDENTS IN CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROCEEDINGS A10212 Frontus/No Same As

Would update the notice provided to parties involved in an Article 10 proceeding with a potential finding of abuse or maltreatment of a child to more clearly articulate the potential impacts indicated records on the state central register may have on their future ability to obtain or maintain employment, the ability to volunteer in a position where they have the potential for regular and substantial contact with children, or the ability to become a foster or adoptive parent.

# 2022 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED BILLS PASSED BY THE SENATE

# EXTEND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

#### A233A Rosenthal L/S849A Gounardes

Would extend the statute of limitations for harassment in the workplace to six years.

# PREVENT ABUSERS FROM USING TECH TO HARASS VICTIMS

#### A544A Braunstein/S1477A Krueger

Would expand the definition of the offense of aggravated harassment in the second degree to include contacts via text, private message, e-mail or other electronic communication.

#### INDIVIDUALS ON PROBATION INCAPABLE OF CONSENT

#### A607 Rosenthal L/S403 Biaggi

Would protect individuals from sexual assault by their probation officers by deeming individuals who are on probation cannot consent to sexual conduct with supervising probation officers.

# EXPAND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR FAMILY COURTS

#### A739C Rosenthal D/S3683D Felder

Would require NYC Family Courts to remain open until midnight at least one night a week in at least two counties by Jan. 1, 2023, and in three counties by Jan. 1, 2024.

#### **BLACK YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE**

#### A1716 Jean-Pierre/S3408 Brouk

Would establish a Black youth suicide prevention task force to study how to improve mental health and suicide prevention for Black New York residents aged 5-18.

#### NEW YORK STATE PHOENIX ACT

#### A1966A Cruz/S3020A Parker

Would extend the statute of limitations for felony family offenses to 10 years and misdemeanor family offenses to five years; also would require the NYS Police and OPDV to develop, maintain and distribute policies and procedures regarding the investigation and intervention of family offenses to new and veteran police officers.

#### BAN "NO-REHIRE" CLAUSES IN SETTLEMENT CONTRACTS

#### A2079 Cruz/S766 Gounardes

Would prohibit "no rehire" clauses in settlement agreements for employees or independent contractors that have filed a claim against their employers, and would render settlement contracts unenforceable if they contain "no rehire" clauses.

# REMOVE 10-YEAR TIME PERIOD FOR CRIME OF PERSISTENT SEXUAL ABUSE

#### A2130 Rosenthal L/S423 Hoylman

Currently, an individual can be charged with persistent sexual abuse if they commit forcible touching, sexual abuse in the third degree or sexual abuse in the second degree, and have been convicted of two or more separate incidents within the last 10 years; this bill would remove the 10-year time period from the crime's definition.

# ESTABLISH PEEPING TOM CRIME WITHOUT USE OF IMAGING DEVICE

#### A2386A Fahy/S1053A Mayer

Would create the crime of voyeurism when an individual intentionally views a person dressing or undressing or views a person's sexual or other intimate parts, without the use of an imaging device; currently, an individual can only be charged with the crime if an imaging device is used.

# EXPAND RIGHT TO COUNSEL TO INDIGENT KINSHIP CAREGIVERS

#### A2581A Hevesi/S6074A Salazar

Would expand the right to assistance of counsel to indigent kinship caregivers in custody and guardianship proceedings.

# **PROSECUTOR ACCESS TO ORDERS OF PROTECTION**

# A3422 Rosenthal L/S404 Biaggi

Would allow prosecutors to have access to Orders of Protection issued in association with sealed prior DV cases if the offender commits a new DV offense, so the offender can be charged with criminal contempt if they violated a past Order of Protection.

#### **REIMBURSEMENT FOR COST OF DIAPERS TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS**

#### A3451B Solages/S63B Persaud

Would permit parents receiving public assistance to receive an \$80 quarterly allowance to assist in the purchase of diapers for their children two years and under.

#### **ASSIST DV SURVIVORS WITH GETTING HOUSING**

#### A3534 Stirpe/S1681Bailey

Would require statewide housing authorities, when reviewing applicants, to grant DV survivors the same priority granted to other prioritized populations applying for such housing.

# ESTABLISH VISITING PROGRAM IN STATE, LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

#### A4250A Weprin/S2841A Sepulveda

Would require state and local correctional facilities to create visiting programs to give incarcerated individuals the opportunity to meet with relatives, children, friends, clergy, etc.; would require such programs to have reasonable visiting hour durations, as well as allow for video conferences to supplement in-person visits.

# DSS TO MAINTAIN WAITING LIST OF FAMILIES SEEKING CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE

#### A4524 Walker/S6875 Persaud

To ensure adequate funding is allocated for childcare programs, would require DSS to maintain waiting lists of eligible applicants for child day care subsidies and keep data on the income levels of such families, including those that were denied and those that were accepted.

#### **EXPAND INFORMATION PROVIDED TO PROSPECTIVE MATERNITY PATIENTS**

#### A4598B Sillitti/S534B Kaplan

Would expand the information hospitals and birth centers are required to provide to prospective maternity patients to include information on safety drills, quality improvement initiatives, emergency transfer policies, whether a facility has a written community needs assessment plan to reduce racial disparities and address community needs, whether an autopsy is available upon request for stillbirth, and if bereavement services are offered.

#### ANNUAL FAIR HOUSING TESTING

#### A4665 Sillitti/S112 Kaplan

Would require the NYS Attorney General to conduct an annual covert housing investigation to compare in-thefield practices with requirements of fair housing laws and an analysis of any publicly available data to identify discriminatory fair housing practices.

# MAKE ATHLETIC TRAINERS MANDATORY REPORTERS OF CHILD ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT A5044B Solages/S2023C May

Would require individuals working in the capacity of athletic trainers to possess licenses and would create a continuing education requirement for them; would add athletic trainers to the list of professionals who must report suspected cases of child abuse or maltreatment.

#### FREE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# A5158 Rosenthal L/S3472 Biaggi

Would require feminine hygiene products to be available for free in non-public schools, as already required in all public schools.

#### **ENFORCEMENT OF FAIR HOUSING**

#### A5480 Solages/S715 Thomas

Would authorize DHR to award damages to aggrieved parties in cases of housing discrimination and increase penalties for violations of fair housing; would allow courts, in actions filed by the Attorney General, to impose penalties on individuals who violate fair housing laws.

#### PROHIBIT SEXUAL HARASSMENT VICTIMS FROM PAYING DAMAGES FOR DISCLOSURE A5580 Rozic/S738 Biaggi

Would prohibit settlement agreements involving sexual harassment from including requirements that a victim forfeit compensation for violating a nondisclosure agreement or requiring the victim to sign a statement stating they were not subject to discrimination or retaliation to receive compensation.

### PATIENT INFORMATION REGARDING HOSPITAL POLICY-BASED EXCLUSIONS A6334 Rozic/S5400 Hinchey

Would ensure that patients have access to information about whether the hospital in their area provides the care they seek prior to admission and to identify health care deserts in regions of the state where particular types of care are unavailable.

# FORFEITURE OF BENEFICIARY'S RIGHT TO BENEFITS UPON DV CONVICTION

#### A6351C Reyes/S3991C Reichlin-Melnick

Would permit a retired city or state employee to change their option election or designate a new beneficiary where the beneficiary has been convicted of a family offense.

# CLEAN SLATE ACT: AUTOMATIC SEALING OF CERTAIN CONVICTIONS

# A6399C Cruz/S1553D Myrie

Would automatically seal records of misdemeanor convictions three years after imposition of sentence, and records of felony convictions seven years after imposition of sentence, assuming certain conditions are met (e.g., the defendant has no pending criminal charge, is not currently on parole or probation or is not a registered sex offender).

#### LANGUAGE ACCESS

#### A7428B Joyner/S5236B Kennedy

Would require essential state agency documents be available in the 12 most common non-English languages spoken by limited English proficient immigrants in the state who arrived in the last five years; the list of most common languages would be updated every two years, based on the most recent American community survey data; would require state agencies to provide interpretation services between the agency and an individual in their primary language; would require state agencies to publicly publish a language access plan describing a training plan for agency employees, identification of a language access coordinator at the agency, etc.

# EXTEND TIME PERIOD FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS TO REQUEST A FAIR HEARING

### A7760 Anderson/S7449 Comrie

Would extend from 10 days to 60 days the time allowed for an applicant for, or recipient of, public assistance to request a fair hearing to contest a determination of disability made by an examining medical professional or work assignment made by a local DSS; would further provide that when an applicant has made a timely request for such fair hearing, no work activity may be enforced pending the hearing and determination.

# ABILITY TO FILE OBJECTIONS ELECTRONICALLY IN CHILD SUPPORT CASES

### A7795 Wallace/S6824 Persaud

Would permit parties in civil child support proceedings to electronically file objections to determinations by support magistrates, where orders are transmitted electronically to the parties; parties would have up to 35 days from when the order was transmitted to file an objection.

# VICTIMS OF REVENGE PORN TO BE INCLUDED IN ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM A7845 Walker/S2789 Sepulveda

# Would expand the definition of a victim of a sexual offense to include victims of revenge porn, enabling such victims to be included in the Address Confidentiality Program

# EXTEND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS

# A8053 Rozic/S566A Hoylman

Would extend the statute of limitations for filing discrimination claims to DHR from one year to three years.

# PURPLE ALERT SYSTEM FOR MISSING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

#### A8492 Anderson/S7562 Salazar

Would create a purple alert system to notify the public of missing victims of domestic violence by unifying the resources of DCJS, the Department of Transportation (DOT), and other appropriate state agencies to inform the public and private and governmental entities who participate in the dissemination of urgent public information; alert system would also take into account any identity protection measures on behalf of the victim.

# INFO REGARDING SEXUAL HEALTH TO MEDICAID RECIPIENTS

#### A8819 O'Donnell/S7618 Brisport

Would require local DSS to distribute educational materials pertaining to sexual health, including information on HIV prevention and pre-exposure prophylaxis, to individuals enrolled in Medicaid; the AIDS Institute would oversee and monitor the production and distribution of the materials.

# PROHIBIT DECEPTIVE PRACTICES AND THE SUPPRESSION OF VOTERS

#### A9555 Lavine/S1032 Stewart-Cousins

Would create a new statute to address and hold people accountable for intentionally suppressing the vote; any person who knowingly communicates deceptive information, knowing such information to be false and in such manner prevents or deters another person from exercising the right to vote in any election would be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

#### **RESTRICT DETENTION OF PEOPLE FOR LONGER THAN 24 HOURS**

# A9734 Gonzalez-Rojas/S1184A Gianaris

Would ensure an individual's pre-arraignment detention does not exceed 24 hours without individualized explanations for why such a delay was unavoidable and necessary; would require cities with populations of more than one million to establish and maintain a detained persons registry for defender organizations contracted with cities to be able to locate criminal defendants.

# RESTRICT FORENSIC CHILD CUSTODY EVALUATORS TERMINATED FOR CAUSE FROM SERVING AS EXPERT WITNESSES

#### A10087A Paulin/S8578B Harckham

Would prohibit forensic child custody evaluators from appearing as an expert witness if they have been removed from the panel of forensic custody evaluators, have offered to step down from the panel or have negotiated a settlement and agreed to no longer serve as a forensic child custody evaluator.

#### HUMAN TRAFFICKING INFORMATION IN MTA FACILITIES

#### A10248 Paulin/S8679 Cleare

Would require the posting of information on human trafficking within transit facilities operated by the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

#### LATINA SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

#### A10338 Fernandez/S2877 Ramos

Would establish a Latina suicide prevention task force to study and provide recommendations on how to improve mental health and suicide prevention for Latina New Yorkers.

#### NEW YORK'S DRIVER LICENSE SUSPENSION PROGRAM HARDSHIP EXEMPTION

#### S936 Krueger/No Same As

Would provide for a hardship exemption from the NYS driver's license suspension program for those who receive public assistance or whose income does not exceed 250% of the poverty level.

# NO CONSIDERATION OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY IN CUSTODY DECISIONS S996 Hoylman/No Same As

Would prevent courts from considering a party's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression when determining the best interests of a child in child custody proceedings; would prohibit the court from preventing a parent's gender reassignment surgery during custody proceedings.

#### SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES

#### S1577A Rivera/No Same As

Would permit Medicaid recipients participating in the Traumatic Brain Injury and Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Waiver Program to continue receiving such services without transitioning into managed care.

#### ASSESS FAIR HOUSING OBLIGATIONS OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS

#### S2525A Kavanagh/No Same As

Would require the Secretary of State to collect demographic information from real estate brokers and agents regarding services provided to clients in order to ensure they are meeting their fair housing obligations.

# LGBT YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

### S3083 Salazar/No Same As

Would establish an LGBT youth and young adult suicide prevention task force to study how to improve mental health and suicide prevention for New York's LGBT youth up to age 24.

# REMOVE REFERENCE TO ILLEGAL CONDUCT FROM STATUTORY DEFINITION OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION S4609 Hoylman/No Same As

Would amend the definition of sexual orientation in Executive Law by removing the unnecessary disclaimer that the definition does not include illegal conduct; this conflation of homosexuality with criminality is rooted in antiquated laws that criminalized consensual sexual acts between adults.

# TRANSGENDER AND NON-BINARY PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

#### S5938 Parker/No Same As

Would direct the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) to establish a regional or county-based peer support services program to provide peer counseling and services for transgender and non-binary individuals; services would include alcohol and substance abuse counseling, family support services, DV, mental health and physical health.

#### **OPDV STUDY ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY**

#### S5940 Parker/No Same As

Would direct OPDV to conduct a study on DV in the transgender community with a focus on DV against Black transgender women; the study is intended to examine, evaluate and make recommendations concerning the prevalence, causes, effects, risks and costs of DV on the transgender community and find ways to reduce DV in the transgender community.

# INCREASE SEVERITY OF CRIME OF SEXUAL CONDUCT AGAINST CHILD

#### S6187A Skoufis/No Same As

Would raise the crime of course of sexual conduct against a child in the second degree from a D felony to a C felony.

#### CLARIFY USE OF ACOD IN FAMILY COURT

#### S7173 Bailey/No Same As

Would clarify that Family Courts may order an adjournment in contemplation of dismissal (ACOD) after the entry of a fact-finding order but prior to the entry of a dispositional order or upon motion by any party or the child's attorney; in the event the matter is restored to the Family Court calendar as a result of a violation of the conditions of adjournment, the matter would proceed to disposition no later than 30 days after the application to restore the matter to the calendar, unless an extension for good cause is granted by the court.

# REQUIRE STATE CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE THAT COVERS SUPPLEMENTAL BREAST CANCER SCREENINGS

# S8037 Reichlin-Melnick/No Same As

Would prohibit state contractors from offering health insurance to their employees that does not cover supplemental breast cancer screenings.

# REQUIRE STATE CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE THAT COVERS SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES FOR TRANS AND NON-BINARY INDIVIDUALS

# S8061 Reichlin-Melnick/No Same As

Would prohibit state contractors from offering health insurance to their employees that does not cover services for transgender, non-binary and gender expansive people, including but not limited to hormone replacement therapy, gender-affirming surgery and treatment typically associated with one particular gender.

# REQUIRE STATE CONTRACTORS TO SUBMIT STATEMENT ON PREVENTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING S8080 Cleare/No Same As

Would require parties submitting bids for competitively bid state procurement contracts to affirm under penalty of perjury that the goods, work or services will be supplied or performed without doing business with any organization, person or entity engaging in human trafficking and to submit their anti-human trafficking policy, if any.

#### BREAST CANCER SCREENINGS FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS

#### S8149 Cleare/No Same As

Would require individuals housed in state and local correctional facilities to be offered routine mammogram screenings every two years at no additional cost to the individual; would also educate incarcerated individuals about the importance of preventative health care measures.

# CLARIFY DEFINITION OF ESSENTIAL PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF VICTIM COMP S8603A Salazar/No Same As

Would clarify terms under the crime victims compensation statute to ensure crime victims have meaningful access to reimbursement for property lost, damaged or stolen as a result of a crime and for which reimbursement or replacement is reasonably necessary for the victim to restore stability or maintain a reasonable and/or basic standard of living; would also clarify that a victim's inability to provide a receipt for the lost, stolen or damaged personal items shall not in itself disqualify a claimant from receiving reimbursement; would raise the maximum allowable amount of compensation to \$2500.

# REQUIRE STATE PARK POLICE AND DEC POLICE TO WEAR BODY-WORN CAMERAS

#### S8649 Parker/No Same As

Would require police officers of the NYS Park Police and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to wear body-worn cameras while on patrol.

# INCREASE NUMBER OF JUDGES IN FAMILY COURT WITHIN NYC

#### S8754 Hoylman/No Same As

Would increase the number of judges in NYC Family Courts from 56 to 60 by January 1, 2023.

# STUDY OF CONNECTIONS BETWEEN SOCIAL MEDIA AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

#### S8786 Cleare/No Same As

Would require the NYS Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking to investigate connections between social media and human trafficking.