Amendments to Senate S.7505; Assembly A.9505 (PPGG Article VII Bill)

Part C, relating to bail reform, is amended to:

• Make a technical correction.

Part M, relating to suspending a subsidy to a revolving loan fund from cell surcharge revenue, is amended to:

• Make a technical correction to the effective date.

Part P, relating to the Child Victims Act, is amended to:

• Clarify the definition of sexually related felony, to make clear that the new civil statute of limitations applies to entities and not just individuals, and adding a trial preference for revived cases and a severability clause. A one-year revival window is added to take effect six months after enactment.

Part GG, relating to loan authorizations, cash transfers authorizations, and bond authorizations, is amended to:

• Authorize DASNY to issue bonds for grants made to voluntary agencies consistent with appropriations enacted in FY 2017 and 2018. Currently, DASNY only has the authority to issue bonds for loans for such purposes.

New Part HH, relating to prohibiting a sexual orientation panic defense, is added to:

• Prohibit a defendant from being able to ask a jury to find that a harmed individual's actual or perceived gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation is to blame for a defendant's violent reaction.

New Part II, relating to sex offenders placement in shelters, is added to:

• Prohibit certain sex offenders from being placed in shelters used by families with children, and from entering within one-thousand feet of kindergarten or pre-kindergarten facilities or institutions.

New Part JJ, relating to incapacity to consent to sexual contact, is added to:

• Establish the incapacity to consent to sexual contact when a person is under arrest, detention or otherwise in actual custody.

New Part KK, relating to an employee safety initiative, is added to:

• Allow DOCCS to improve the overall safety in all DOCCS facilities and community supervision offices by increasing the Department's ability to discipline those few employees who jeopardize their co-workers' safety and the security of inmates and parolees when they commit serious acts of misconduct.

New Part LL, relating to the authorization to obtain DASNY financing and construction services, is added to:

• Authorize the Dormitory Authority (DASNY) to provide construction and financing services to an authorized agency as defined by subdivision 10 of section 371 of the social services law or a local probation department as defined by sections 255 and 256 of the executive law. The specific facilities covered include detention facilities certified by the Office of Children and Family Service (OCFS) or OCFS in conjunction with the New York State Commission of Correction and residential facilities licensed by OCFS. The proposed legislation also authorizes any of the authorized entities to assign and pledge to DASNY any and all public funds apportioned or made payable to them in an amount sufficient to make all payments required to be made pursuant to an agreement entered into between such entities and DASNY for the subject facility.