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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOLWD to identify and recruit unemployed individuals for employment in health care facilities; makes appropriation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Labor Committee with technical review.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the training of unemployed individuals to work
2 in healthcare facilities and supplementing Title 34 of the Revised
3 Statutes, and making an appropriation.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. a. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development,
9 in consultation with the Department of Health and healthcare
10 stakeholders, shall establish a program and standards to identify and
11 recruit unemployed individuals to work in healthcare facilities. The
12 identification process shall include:

13 (1) an evaluation of the practicality of training an individual for a
14 specific position;

15 (2) the proximity of relevant positions to the individual's
16 residence, and an individual's transportation options to the position;
17 and

18 (3) what, if any, barriers exist preventing the individual from
19 commencing work immediately for a specific position, even if the
20 position is probationary until the individual completes relevant or
21 required training.

22 b. The commissioner shall, pursuant to the "Administrative
23 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) promulgate rules
24 and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.
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26 2. There is appropriated \$250,000 from the general fund for the
27 purpose of funding training programs and providing resources for
28 eligible individuals pursuant to the provisions of this act, in
29 coordination with and utilizing existing training programs
30 administered by the Department of Labor and Workforce
31 Development.
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33 3. This act shall take effect immediately.