

ASSEMBLY, No. 1828

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires Commissioner of DHSS to assess how to increase number of teaching hospitals and medical residency programs throughout State.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning the expansion of medical education programs
2 in the State.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall
8 convene a strategic planning summit comprised of relevant State
9 agencies and boards and key physician-supply stakeholders,
10 including representatives of medical schools and teaching hospitals
11 in the State to:

12 (1) analyze the State's physician workforce supply, by county
13 and specialty, using the most recent data available, including
14 licensure data from the State Board of Medical Examiners;

15 (2) discuss the redistribution or expansion, or both, of residency
16 slots in the State to address physician shortages in the State; and

17 (3) investigate ways to include more community hospitals in
18 resident rotations in family medicine, internal medicine, and
19 pediatric medicine.

20 b. Within six months after the effective date of this act, the
21 Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall provide a written
22 report with the findings and recommendations of the planning
23 summit to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2
24 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1).

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill seeks to address the impending physician shortage in
32 New Jersey by directing the Commissioner of Health and Senior
33 Services to convene a strategic planning summit comprised of
34 relevant State agencies and boards, and key physician-supply
35 stakeholders, including representatives of medical schools and
36 teaching hospitals in the State.

37 The purpose of the planning summit is to:

38 (1) analyze the State's physician workforce supply, by county
39 and specialty, using on the most recent data available, including
40 licensure data from the State Board of Medical Examiners;

41 (2) discuss the redistribution or expansion, or both, of residency
42 slots in the State to address physician shortages in the State; and

43 (3) investigate ways to include more community hospitals in
44 resident rotations in family medicine, internal medicine, and
45 pediatric medicine.

46 The bill also requires that the Commissioner of Health and
47 Senior Services provide a written report with the findings and

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- 1 recommendations of the planning summit to the Governor and
- 2 Legislature within six months after the effective date.