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SYNOPSIS

Requires child abuse reporting hotline maintained by DCPD to provide information on resources available to victims and families.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the child abuse reporting hotline maintained by
2 the Division of Child Protection and Permanency and amending
3 P.L.1971, c.437.

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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. Section 5 of P.L.1971, c.437 (C.9:6-8.12) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 5. The Division of Child Protection and Permanency shall
11 maintain, at all times, an emergency telephone service for the
12 receipt of calls involving a report, complaint, or allegation of child
13 abuse or neglect. This emergency telephone service shall also
14 provide information on resources available to the victims of child
15 abuse or neglect and their families.

16 (cf: P.L.2012, c.16, s.25)

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill requires that the child abuse reporting hotline
24 maintained by the Division of Child Protection and Permanency
25 (DCPP) provide information on resources available to the victims of
26 child abuse or neglect and their families. DCPP regularly contracts
27 with community-based agencies throughout the State to provide a
28 variety of services to children and families, including counseling,
29 parenting skills classes, substance abuse treatment, in-home
30 services, foster care, and residential placement. It is critical for
31 families to be made aware of these services so that they are
32 empowered to break the cycle of abuse and protect the most
33 vulnerable residents of New Jersey.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.