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SYNOPSIS

Requires Division of Developmental Disabilities to make comprehensive list of its programs available to public.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning individuals with developmental disabilities and
2 supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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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 Division of Developmental Disabilities in the
8 Department of Human Services shall include on the department's
9 website and make available in print to a member of the public, upon
10 request, a comprehensive list of services and supports available
11 from the division for individuals with developmental disabilities.
12 The list shall include:

13 (1) a detailed description of the different services and supports
14 that are available from the division, including, but not limited to,
15 those available through: the Supports Program under the federal
16 demonstration project waiver authorized by section 1115 of the
17 federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.1315(a); the Community
18 Care Waiver authorized by section 1915(c) of the federal Social
19 Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s.1396n(c); the self-directed services
20 program pursuant to P.L.2008, c.128 (C.30:6D-12.1 et seq.); and
21 any other program providing services and supports which are
22 funded in whole, or in part, by the division;

23 (2) the specific criteria for eligibility for each program described
24 pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, which shall, at a
25 minimum, include any requirements for: application for and
26 maintenance of eligibility for the Medicaid program; the level of
27 care needed by the individual with a developmental disability
28 seeking services and supports from the division; an assessment of
29 the needs of the individual with a developmental disability, and the
30 different amounts of funding to be made available for services and
31 supports for the individual based on those needs, as applicable; and

32 (3) information about the availability of transitional planning for
33 individuals with developmental disabilities, guardianship services
34 from the division, and any other information that the division deems
35 necessary to help an individual with a developmental disability
36 obtain services and supports from the division.

37 b. The division shall:

38 (1) update the list prepared pursuant to this section as necessary
39 to ensure that the list reflects a current and comprehensive list of
40 available services and supports; and

41 (2) prominently display on the website of the department or
42 include with any printed materials that are made available to the
43 public, as appropriate, information about any webinars or other
44 presentations offered by the division that may help an individual
45 with a developmental disability obtain services and supports from
46 the division.

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STATEMENT

This bill requires the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) in the Department of Human Services (DHS) to include on its website and make available in print to a member of the public, upon request, a comprehensive list of available services and supports from DDD for individuals with developmental disabilities. The list is to include a detailed description of the different services and supports, including, but not limited to, those available through: the Supports Program to persons residing in unlicensed settings such as the home of a family member or their own home; the Community Care Waiver to persons residing in licensed residential settings such as group homes, supervised apartments, and supported living arrangements; the self-directed services program; and any other program providing services and supports funded in whole, or in part, by DDD.

The comprehensive list would also include the specific criteria for eligibility for each program, which would, at a minimum, include any requirements for: application for and maintenance of eligibility for the Medicaid program; the level of care needed by the individual with a developmental disability seeking services and supports from DDD; an assessment of the needs of an individual with a developmental disability, and the different amounts of funding to be made available for services and supports for the individual based on those needs, as applicable.

The list would also provide information about the availability of transitional planning for individuals with developmental disabilities, guardianship services from DDD, and any other information that DDD deems necessary to help an individual with a developmental disability obtain services and supports from DDD.

The bill also requires DDD to update the list as necessary to ensure that the list reflects a current and comprehensive list of available services and supports, and to prominently display on the DHS website, or include with any printed materials, information about any webinars or presentations offered by DDD that may help an individual with a developmental disability obtain services and supports from DDD.