

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3391**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires informational posters about safe placement alternatives for newborn infants be posted in public restrooms used by females.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT promoting safe placement alternatives for newborn infants  
2 and amending P.L.2000, c.58.

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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. Section 6 of P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.9) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 6. a. The Commissioner of Children and Families, in  
10 consultation with the Commissioner of Health **[and Senior**  
11 **Services]**, shall establish an educational and public information  
12 program to promote safe placement alternatives for newborn  
13 infants, the confidentiality offered to birth parents and information  
14 regarding adoption procedures. This campaign shall include the  
15 establishment of a 24-hour, toll free hotline to assist in making  
16 information about the safe haven procedures established by  
17 P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.5 et al.) as widely available as possible.

18 b. The Department of Children and Families shall provide to  
19 licensed general hospitals in this State and State, county or  
20 municipal police stations information about relevant social service  
21 agencies which may be made available to any person voluntarily  
22 delivering a child as provided in section 4 of P.L.2000, c.58  
23 (C.30:4C-15.7).

24 c. (1) Beginning no later than the 180th day after the  
25 effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this  
26 bill), there shall be displayed in each restroom for use by females  
27 that is in a public or private elementary or secondary school for  
28 children 12 years of age or older or institution of higher education  
29 within the State a poster no smaller than 10 inches by 15 inches,  
30 which provides basic information about the safe haven procedures  
31 established by P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.5 et al.) and includes the  
32 24-hour, toll free hotline established pursuant to subsection a. of  
33 this section. The Department of Children and Families shall  
34 prepare the poster and distribute copies as the Commissioner of  
35 Children and Families determines necessary to effectuate the  
36 purposes of this act.

37 (2) Each restroom for use by females that is covered by the  
38 provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be subject to  
39 random on-site inspection by any official authorized by statute or  
40 ordinance to enforce the State or local health codes for the purpose  
41 of assessing its compliance with the provisions of this subsection.

42 (cf: P.L.2015, c.82, s.2)

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44 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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.

STATEMENT

This bill amends the “New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act” to promote greater awareness of the safe placement alternatives for newborn infants available under that law.

The bill would require that, beginning no later than the 180th day after its effective date, there be displayed in each restroom for use by females that is in a public or private elementary or secondary school for children 12 years of age or older or institution of higher education within the State a poster no smaller than 10 inches by 15 inches, which provides basic information about the safe haven procedures established by the “New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act” and includes the 24-hour, toll free hotline established pursuant to that law. The Department of Children and Families is to prepare the poster and distribute copies as the Commissioner of Children and Families determines necessary to effectuate the purposes of the bill.

The bill provides that each restroom for use by females that is covered by its provisions is subject to random on-site inspection by any official authorized by statute or ordinance to enforce the State or local health codes for the purpose of assessing its compliance with the provisions of the bill.