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SYNOPSIS

Requires Commissioner of Health to establish public health campaign on autism spectrum disorders.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning autism spectrum disorders and supplementing
2 Title 26 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 Commissioner of Health shall establish a public
8 health campaign on autism spectrum disorders, which shall, at a
9 minimum:

10 (1) disseminate information to the public on autism spectrum
11 disorders, including basic information about autism spectrum
12 disorders, statistics related to the occurrence of autism spectrum
13 disorders in New Jersey, and services related to autism spectrum
14 disorders that are offered by the State, any other government
15 agency, or the private sector;

16 (2) encourage the public to access the New Jersey Department
17 of Health website on autism; and

18 (3) encourage parents to be aware of the signs of autism
19 spectrum disorders and to seek early treatment if they suspect their
20 child is on the autism spectrum.

21 b. As used in this section, the term “autism spectrum disorders”
22 means any one of the several conditions classified under pervasive
23 developmental disorder in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of
24 Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition, Text Revision (DSM IV-TR) or the
25 International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical
26 Modification (ICD-9-CM), including: autistic disorder; Asperger’s
27 disorder; childhood disintegrative disorder; pervasive developmental
28 disorder not otherwise specified or unspecified pervasive
29 developmental disorder; Fragile X syndrome, to the extent that the
30 condition is comorbid with pervasive developmental disorder; Rett’s
31 disorder, to the extent that the condition is comorbid with pervasive
32 developmental disorder; autism spectrum disorder; and any equivalent
33 conditions as classified under any version of the Diagnostic and
34 Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) or the International
35 Classification of Diseases, Clinical Modification (ICD-CM) published
36 on or after January 1, 2000.

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38 2. The Department of Health shall adopt rules and regulations
39 pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410
40 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to implement the provisions of section 1 of
41 this act.

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43 3. This act shall take effect 180 days after the date of
44 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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49 This bill requires the Commissioner of Health to establish a

1 public health campaign on autism spectrum disorders. Under this
2 bill, the public awareness campaign will, at a minimum: 1)
3 disseminate information to the public on autism spectrum disorders,
4 including basic information about autism spectrum disorders,
5 statistics related to the occurrence of autism spectrum disorders in
6 New Jersey, and services related to autism spectrum disorders that
7 are offered by the State and any other government agency, or the
8 private sector; 2) encourage the public to access the New Jersey
9 Department of Health website on autism; and 3) encourage parents
10 to be aware of the signs of autism spectrum disorders and to seek
11 early treatment if they suspect their child is on the autism spectrum.