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SYNOPSIS

Requires at least one State developmental center in each region of State; requires certain factors to be considered for transfer of residents between developmental centers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning State developmental centers and supplementing
2 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 Commissioner of Human Services shall ensure that at
8 least one developmental center is retained in each of the western,
9 northern, central, and southern regions of the State.

10 b. As used in this section:

11 (1) the western region shall consist of Hunterdon, Somerset,
12 Sussex, and Warren counties;

13 (2) the northern region shall consist of Bergen, Essex, Hudson,
14 Morris, Passaic, and Union counties;

15 (3) the central region shall consist of Mercer, Middlesex, and
16 Monmouth counties; and

17 (4) the southern region shall consist of Atlantic, Burlington,
18 Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, and Salem
19 counties.

20 c. In the case of a transfer of a resident from one
21 developmental center to another, the commissioner shall equally
22 consider:

23 (1) the resident's medical needs;

24 (2) the resident's social needs; and

25 (3) the distance between the resident's family or guardian, as
26 appropriate, and the proposed developmental center to which the
27 resident is to be transferred, in order to permit continuation of the
28 resident's relationship with the family or guardian, as appropriate.

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to ensure
36 that at least one State developmental center is retained in each of
37 the western, northern, central, and southern regions of the State.

38 Under the bill, the western region is to consist of Hunterdon,
39 Somerset, Sussex, and Warren counties; the northern region is to
40 consist of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, and Union
41 counties; the central region is to consist of Mercer, Middlesex, and
42 Monmouth counties; and the southern region is to consist of
43 Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester,
44 Ocean, and Salem counties.

45 The bill further requires that in the case of a transfer of a resident
46 from one developmental center to another, the commissioner is to
47 equally consider: the resident's medical needs; the resident's social
48 needs; and the distance between the resident's family or guardian, as

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- 1 appropriate, and the proposed developmental center to which the
- 2 resident is to be transferred, in order to permit continuation of the
- 3 resident's relationship with the family or the guardian.