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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Eliminates duplicative requirements for notification to counties of admissions for Division of Developmental Disabilities residential services and for maintenance of those records.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

AN ACT concerning persons with developmental disabilities and amending P.L.1965, c.59.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 86 of P.L.1965, c.59 (C.30:4-165.3) is amended to read as follows:

86. Whenever any **[**developmentally disabled**]** person with a developmental disability is admitted to residential functional services the commissioner or **[**his**]** the commissioner's designated agent shall investigate and take statements concerning residency of the person and the financial ability to pay for the cost of the residential functional services. The department shall determine the financial ability to pay for the cost of care and maintenance and the legal settlement in accordance with applicable provisions of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes **[**and notify the county of settlement, if any, that a person has been admitted**]**.

[The county shall maintain a record of any person receiving residential functional services and make the record available for examination by the department. The county shall cooperate fully with the department in the department's review and investigation of the person or his chargeable relative's financial ability to pay for the residential functional services provided to the person.**]** A determination of indigency shall be made by the department and retained in the person's record **[**maintained by the county**]**.

If arrangements are made which are satisfactory to the department for full payment of the cost of care and treatment of the person and if the commissioner or **[**his**]** the commissioner's designated agent is satisfied that the person requires residential functional services and should be admitted then **[**he**]** the person shall be so admitted.

(cf: P.L.1995, c.155, s.24)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill updates current law by deleting language that provides for a county to be notified of the admission of certain persons with developmental disabilities to residential services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Human Services (DHS) and by eliminating the requirement for the counties to maintain records of these persons, since the administrative duties

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.

associated with these admissions have been delegated to DHS at the State level. It is the sponsor's intent to reduce and eliminate duplicative and unnecessary administrative requirements for counties and, thereby, potentially reduce county property taxes.