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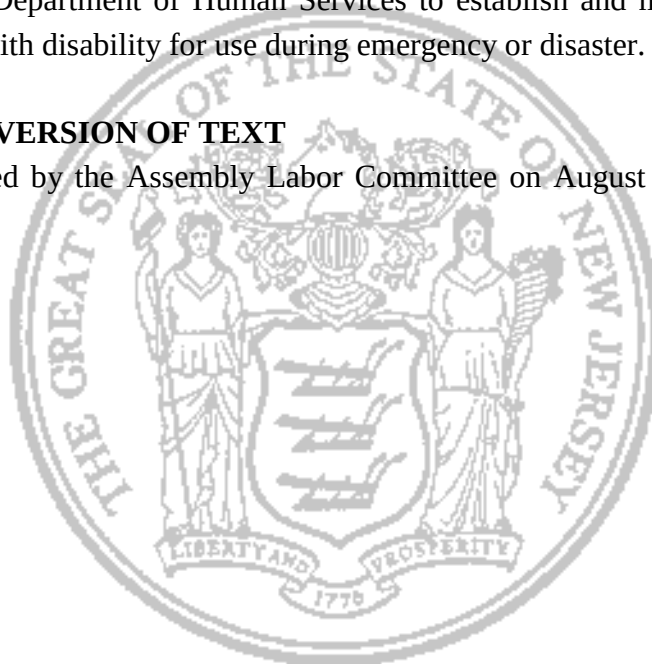
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SYNOPSIS

Requires Department of Human Services to establish and maintain hotline for persons with disability for use during emergency or disaster.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Labor Committee on August 10, 2020, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning a ¹**[Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**
2 **Services]**¹ hotline for people with disabilities and supplementing
3 Title ¹**[34]** 30¹ of the Revised Statutes.

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

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8 1. a. Within 60 days of the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
9 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the ¹**[Division of**
10 **Vocational Rehabilitation Services in the]**¹ Department of ¹**[Labor**
11 **and Workforce Development, in conjunction with State Centers for**
12 **Independent Living,]** Human Services¹ shall establish and maintain
13 a toll-free telephone hotline available, at a minimum, weekdays
14 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. which shall provide ¹resources
15 and¹ information ¹**[and referral services]**¹ to ¹**[people]** persons¹
16 with ¹**[disabilities]** a disability during emergencies and disasters¹.

17 b. ¹As an alternative to the department establishing a hotline
18 pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the department may
19 contract out services to operate the hotline.

20 c. ¹As used in this act:

21 ¹**["Centers for Independent Living"** are community-based,
22 consumer-driven organizations run by the Statewide Independent
23 Living Council that provide information and referral, peer
24 counseling, skills training, advocacy and a variety of services based
25 on individual needs.]¹

26 ¹**["Person]** Persons¹ with a disability" means any ¹**[individual]**
27 individuals¹ who ¹**[is]** are¹ unable to engage in any substantial
28 gainful employment by reason of any medically determinable
29 physical or mental impairment which is of a long-continued or
30 indefinite duration or which can be expected to result in death.

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32 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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ALA committee amendments adopted August 10, 2020.