[Second Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4202

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 1, 2020

Sponsored by:
Assemblyman ERIC HOUGHTALING
District 11 (Monmouth)
Assemblywoman JOANN DOWNEY
District 11 (Monmouth)
Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON
District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by:
Assemblywomen Sumter, Quijano, Lampitt, McKnight, Lopez, Jasey, Assemblyman Tully, Assemblywomen Swain, Vainieri Huttle and Assemblyman Chiaravalloti

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 Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on June 10, 2021, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/27/2020)

AN ACT concerning a [1]**[**Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services**]**[1] hotline for people with disabilities and supplementing Title [1]**[**34**]** 30[1] of the Revised Statutes.

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

1. a. Within 60 days of the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the [1]**[**Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services in the**]**[1] Department of [1]**[**Labor and Workforce Development, in conjunction with State Centers for Independent Living,**]** Human Services[1] [2], in consultation with State Centers for Independent Living,[2] shall establish and maintain a toll-free telephone hotline available, at a minimum, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. which shall provide [1]resources and[1] information [1]**[**and referral services**]**[1] to [1]**[**people**]** persons[1] with [1]**[**disabilities**]** a disability during emergencies and disasters[1] .

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

c.[1] As used in this act:

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

[2]"Centers for Independent Living" are community-based, consumer-driven organizations run by the Statewide Independent Living Council that provide information and referral, peer counseling, skills training, advocacy and a variety of services based on individual needs.[2]

"[1]**[**Person**]** Persons[1] with a disability" means any [1]**[**individual**]** individuals[1] who [1]**[**is**]** are[1] unable to engage in any substantial gainful employment by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which is of a long-continued or indefinite duration or which can be expected to result in death.

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:
[1]Assembly ALA committee amendments adopted August 10, 2020.
[2]Senate SHH committee amendments adopted June 10, 2021.