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SYNOPSIS

Permits DOC and DCF to award contracts for medical and dental services to vendors.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning certain State contracts for medical and dental
2 services and amending P.L.2012, c.45.

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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. Section 3 of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:65-94) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 3. a. In order to carry out the purposes of this act and to provide
10 the program of medical and dental education required for the benefit
11 of the State and the people of New Jersey, all rights to all of the
12 schools, institutes, and centers of the University of Medicine and
13 Dentistry of New Jersey, other than the School of Osteopathic
14 Medicine, the entire Stratford campus, the remaining facilities in
15 Camden, and University Hospital, are hereby transferred to Rutgers,
16 The State University.

17 The facilities of the schools, institutes, and centers of the
18 University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, other than the
19 facilities of the School of Osteopathic Medicine, the entire Stratford
20 campus, the remaining facilities in Camden, and University Hospital,
21 are hereby transferred to Rutgers, The State University, and the
22 university shall devote the same to the purposes of public higher
23 education in the State in accordance with the terms of any gift, grant,
24 trust, contract or other agreement with the State or any of its political
25 subdivisions or with the United States or with any public body,
26 department or any agency of the State or the United States or with
27 any individual, firm or corporation.

28 Upon the transfer of the schools, institutes, and centers of the
29 University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey to Rutgers, The
30 State University, the Cancer Institute of New Jersey shall become an
31 independent institute at Rutgers, The State University and shall be
32 distinct and separate from any individual school.

33 b. Rutgers, The State University shall maintain the public
34 mission and commitment of the University of Medicine and Dentistry
35 of New Jersey, including an affiliation with University Hospital, to
36 provide a comprehensive healthcare program and services to the
37 greater Newark community, including outreach and mobile health
38 services and services provided collaboratively between University
39 Hospital and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey,
40 or any of its components.

41 c. Any school, institute, or center transferred to Rutgers, The
42 State University pursuant to subsection a. of this section based in the
43 City of Newark shall remain in the City of Newark, including the
44 New Jersey Medical School, the New Jersey Dental School, School

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.

1 of Health Related Professions, the School of Nursing, and the Public
2 Health Research Institute.

3 d. Any school, institute, or center of Rutgers, The State
4 University based in Middlesex County shall remain in Middlesex
5 County including, but not limited to, the Robert Wood Johnson
6 Medical School, the School of Public Health, the Ernest Mario
7 School of Pharmacy, the Institute of Health, Health Policy, and
8 Aging Research, and University Behavioral Healthcare.

9 e. Rutgers, The State University shall assume and maintain
10 existing contracts through expiration with the Department of
11 Corrections and the Department of Children and Families to provide
12 services under University Behavioral Healthcare and the School of
13 Nursing. **【The services provided under the contracts shall continue**
14 **to be provided by public employees following expiration of those**
15 **contracts】** Upon expiration of the contracts in effect on the effective
16 date of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) under
17 which University Behavioral Healthcare and the School of Nursing
18 provides services, the Department of Corrections and the Department
19 of Children and Families may award the contracts for such services
20 to the vendors whose proposals are most advantageous to the State,
21 price and other factors considered.

22 f. Whenever, in any law, rule, regulation, order, contract,
23 document, judicial or administrative proceeding or otherwise,
24 reference is made to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New
25 Jersey, other than the School of Osteopathic Medicine, the entire
26 Stratford campus, the remaining facilities in Camden, and University
27 Hospital, the same shall mean and refer to Rutgers, The State
28 University.

29 g. The transfer of the schools, institutes, and centers of the
30 University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, other than the
31 School of Osteopathic Medicine, the entire Stratford campus, the
32 remaining facilities in Camden, and University Hospital, to Rutgers,
33 The State University shall require the accreditation approval of the
34 appropriate accrediting bodies prior to transfer.

35 (cf: P.L.2012, c.45, s.3)

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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40 STATEMENT

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42 Current law requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) and
43 Department of Children and Families (DCF) to ensure certain
44 medical and dental services are provided by public employees. This
45 provision limits the qualified vendors from which these services may
46 be procured and increases costs to the State.

47 This bill revises the State's procurement process for certain
48 medical and dental contracts to increase efficiency and quality. This

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- 1 bill will provide DOC and DCF with the ability to award contracts
- 2 for medical and dental services to the vendors whose proposals are
- 3 most advantageous to the State, price and other factors considered, in
- 4 order to reduce the State's health care costs.