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SYNOPSIS

Requires Department of Human Services to annually report on health and well-being of individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/4/2021)

1 **AN ACT** requiring the Department of Human Services to annually
2 report on the health and well-being of individuals with autism
3 spectrum disorders, and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised
4 Statutes.

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

9 1. a. No later than December 31 of each calendar year, the
10 Department of Human Services, in consultation with the
11 Department of Health, shall report to the Legislature, pursuant to
12 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), on the health and well-
13 being of individuals with autism spectrum disorders. The report
14 shall contain full and substantive analysis, in addition to statistical
15 information, and shall contain:

(1) updates on the health and well-being of individuals with autism spectrum disorders in New Jersey;

(2) a summary of the actions that the State is taking to improve the health and well-being of individuals with autism spectrum disorders in New Jersey; and

(3) suggestions for how the State may further improve the health and well-being of individuals with autism spectrum disorders in New Jersey.

b. As used in this section, the term “autism spectrum disorders” means any one of the several conditions classified under pervasive developmental disorder in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition, Text Revision (DSM IV-TR) or the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM), including: autistic disorder; Asperger’s disorder; childhood disintegrative disorder; pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified or unspecified pervasive developmental disorder; fragile X syndrome, to the extent that the condition is comorbid with pervasive developmental disorder; Rett’s disorder, to the extent that the condition is comorbid with pervasive developmental disorder; autism spectrum disorder; and any equivalent conditions as classified under any version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) or the International Classification of Diseases, Clinical Modification (ICD-CM) published on or after January 1, 2000.

2. This act shall take effect 180 days after the date of
enactment.

STATEMENT

47 This bill requires the Department of Human Services, in
48 consultation with the Department of Health, to annually report, in
49 writing, to the Legislature on the health and well-being of

1 individuals with autism spectrum disorders. The report, to be
2 submitted by December 31st of each year, is to contain: 1) updates
3 on the health and well-being of individuals with autism spectrum
4 disorders in New Jersey; 2) a summary of the actions that the State
5 is taking to improve the health and well-being of individuals with
6 autism spectrum disorders in New Jersey; and 3) suggestions for
7 how the State may further improve the health and well-being of
8 individuals with autism spectrum disorders in New Jersey.