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SYNOPSIS

Requires Commissioner of Health to designate special care nursing facility to treat patients with psychiatric and substance use disorders dual diagnosis.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning special care nursing facilities and
2 supplementing Title 26 and Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. The Commissioner of Health shall identify four facilities,
8 one of which shall be an existing free-standing special care nursing
9 facility that is located in a city of the first class, and three of which
10 shall be evenly distributed geographically throughout the State, to
11 be designated as facilities for the treatment of patients who are
12 dually diagnosed with psychiatric and substance use disorders. A
13 special care nursing facility seeking designation shall apply to the
14 commissioner for designation and shall demonstrate to the
15 satisfaction of the commissioner that the facility can provide
16 appropriate care to patients with a dual diagnosis.

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18 2. The Commissioner of Health may, in accordance with the
19 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
20 seq.), adopt any rules and regulations as the commissioner deems
21 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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23 3. The Commissioner of Human Services shall establish a
24 reimbursement rate sufficient to cover the cost of care provided to
25 patients pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
26 before the Legislature as this bill).

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28 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
29 month next following the date of enactment, except that the
30 Commissioner of Health may take any anticipatory administrative
31 action in advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of
32 this act.

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill requires the Commissioner of Health to identify four
38 facilities, one of which is to be an existing free-standing special
39 care nursing facility that is located in a city of the first class, and
40 three of which are to be evenly distributed geographically
41 throughout the State, to be designated as facilities for the treatment
42 of patients who are dually diagnosed with psychiatric and substance
43 use disorders. A facility seeking designation would apply to the
44 commissioner for designation, and would need to demonstrate to the
45 satisfaction of the commissioner that the facility can provide
46 appropriate care to patients with a dual diagnosis. The
47 Commissioner of Human Services will be required to establish a
48 reimbursement rate sufficient to cover the cost of care provided to
49 patients pursuant to the bill.