

SENATE, No. 2632

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services to establish and maintain hotline for people with disabilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/20/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning a Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
2 Services hotline for people with disabilities and supplementing
3 Title 34 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 Division of
10 Vocational Rehabilitation Services in the Department of Labor and
11 Workforce Development, in conjunction with State Centers for
12 Independent Living, shall establish and maintain a toll-free
13 telephone hotline available, at a minimum, weekdays between 8:30
14 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. which shall provide information and referral
15 services to people with disabilities.

16 b. As used in this act:
17 "Centers for Independent Living" are community-based, consumer-
18 driven organizations run by the Statewide Independent Living
19 Council that provide information and referral, peer counseling,
20 skills training, advocacy and a variety of services based on
21 individual needs.

22 "Person with a disability" means any individual who is unable to
23 engage in any substantial gainful employment by reason of any
24 medically determinable physical or mental impairment which is of a
25 long-continued or indefinite duration or which can be expected to
26 result in death.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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31 STATEMENT

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33 This bill requires the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
34 Services, in conjunction with State Centers for Independent Living
35 to establish a telephone hotline available, at a minimum, weekdays
36 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. through which information and
37 referral services will be provided to people with disabilities.

38 Under the bill, Centers for Independent Living are community-
39 based, consumer-driven organizations that provide information and
40 referral, peer counseling, skills training, advocacy and a variety of
41 services based on individual needs.