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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: 8/20/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning a ¹**Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**
2 **Services**¹ hotline for people with disabilities and supplementing
3 Title ¹**34** 30¹ 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), ¹**the Division of**
10 **Vocational Rehabilitation Services in**¹ the Department of ¹**Labor**
11 **and Workforce Development** Human Services¹ , in ¹**conjunction**
12 consultation¹ with State Centers for Independent Living, shall
13 establish and maintain a toll-free telephone hotline available, at a
14 minimum, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. which shall
15 provide resources and¹ information ¹**and referral services**¹ to
16 ¹**people** persons¹ with ¹**disabilities** a disability during
17 emergencies and disasters¹ .

18 b. As an alternative to the department establishing a hotline
19 pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the department may
20 contract out services to operate the hotline.

21 c.¹ As used in this act:

22 “Centers for Independent Living” are community-based,
23 consumer-driven organizations run by the Statewide Independent
24 Living Council that provide information and referral, peer
25 counseling, skills training, advocacy and a variety of services based
26 on individual needs.

27 ¹**Person** Persons¹ with a disability" means any ¹**individual**
28 individuals¹ who ¹**is** are¹ unable to engage in any substantial
29 gainful employment by reason of any medically determinable
30 physical or mental impairment which is of a long-continued or
31 indefinite duration or which can be expected to result in death.

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33 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:

¹Senate SHH committee amendments adopted June 10, 2021.