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SYNOPSIS

Requires Office of Information Technology to establish centralized, one-stop website resource guide to assist persons in navigating the State's developmental disability service system.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the establishment of a one-stop website to
2 assist persons in navigating the State's developmental disabilities
3 service system, and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised
4 Statutes.

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

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9 1. a. The Office of Information Technology, in consultation
10 with the Division of Developmental Disabilities in the Department
11 of Human Services, the Department of Health, the Department of
12 Children and Families, and the New Jersey Council on
13 Developmental Disabilities, shall:

14 (1) establish and maintain a website that is designed to provide a
15 one-stop reference guide for programs and services available to
16 persons with developmental disabilities and their families, in order
17 to assist such persons in navigating the State's developmental
18 disability service system; and

19 (2) publicize the availability of the website established pursuant
20 to paragraph (1) of this subsection, using all available media,
21 including print, signage, television, radio, the Internet, and social
22 media.

23 b. The website established pursuant to this section shall, at a
24 minimum, provide the following information:

25 (1) a description of, contact information for, the operating hours
26 of, and hyperlinks to the websites of, early development screening
27 centers and providers;

28 (2) a description of, and hyperlinks to, available materials and
29 resources that address, or that provide tools to assess the
30 achievement of, various developmental milestones;

31 (3) a description of, contact information for, the operating hours
32 of, and hyperlinks to, early intervention programs in the State, and a
33 description of early intervention program eligibility and enrollment
34 requirements;

35 (4) a description of the availability and benefits of
36 individualized education planning, a description of, and hyperlinks
37 to, the resources, materials, and supports that are available to assist
38 individuals and families who are interested in participating in
39 individualized education planning, and a description of the supports
40 that are available to assist schools in the development of
41 individualized education planning programs;

42 (5) a description of, and hyperlinks to, resources, materials, and
43 supports that are available to assist in the transition of persons with
44 developmental disabilities to adulthood and post-secondary school
45 living;

46 (6) a description of, and hyperlinks to, the programs and
47 services that are available from the Division of Developmental
48 Disabilities in the Department of Human Services, and a description

1 of the criteria that are used to determine eligibility for each such
2 program and service;

3 (7) a description of, and hyperlinks to, the programs and
4 services that are available for persons with developmental
5 disabilities from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services
6 in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and a
7 description of the criteria that are used to determine eligibility for
8 each such program and service;

9 (8) information about available paratransit options and other
10 relevant transportation services that can be utilized by persons with
11 developmental disabilities in the State, including information about
12 any discounts on transportation costs that may be available to such
13 individuals; and

14 (9) information about, and hyperlinks to, community-based
15 housing options that are available to persons with developmental
16 disabilities in the State, including information about existing
17 housing or utility voucher programs.

18 c. A hyperlink to the website established under this section
19 shall be posted in a prominent location on the websites of the
20 Departments of Human Services, Health, and Children and
21 Families, and on the website of the New Jersey Council on
22 Developmental Disabilities.

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill would require the Office of Information Technology, in
30 consultation with the Division of Developmental Disabilities in the
31 Department of Human Services, the Department of Health, the
32 Department of Children and Families, and the New Jersey Council
33 on Developmental Disabilities, to establish, maintain, and publicize
34 the availability of, a centralized website that is designed to provide
35 a one-stop reference guide for programs and services available to
36 persons with developmental disabilities and their families, in order
37 to assist such persons in navigating the State's developmental
38 disability service system.

39 The website will be required to provide, at a minimum, the
40 following information: 1) a description of, contact information for,
41 the operating hours of, and hyperlinks to the websites of, early
42 development screening centers and providers; 2) a description of,
43 and hyperlinks to, available materials and resources that address, or
44 that provide tools to assess the achievement of, various
45 developmental milestones; 3) a description of, contact information
46 for, the operating hours of, and hyperlinks to, early intervention
47 programs in the State, and a description of early intervention
48 program eligibility and enrollment requirements; 4) a description of

1 the availability and benefits of individualized education planning, a
2 description of, and hyperlinks to, the resources, materials, and
3 supports that are available to assist individuals and families who are
4 interested in participating in individualized education planning, and
5 a description of the supports that are available to assist schools in
6 the development of individualized education planning programs; 5)
7 a description of, and hyperlinks to, resources, materials, and
8 supports that are available to assist in the transition of persons with
9 developmental disabilities to adulthood and post-secondary school
10 living; 6) a description of, and hyperlinks to, the programs and
11 services that are available from the Division of Developmental
12 Disabilities in the Department of Human Services, and a description
13 of the criteria that are used to determine eligibility for each such
14 program and service; 7) a description of, and hyperlinks to, the
15 programs and services that are available for persons with
16 developmental disabilities from the Division of Vocational
17 Rehabilitation Services in the Department of Labor and Workforce
18 Development, and a description of the criteria that are used to
19 determine eligibility for each such program and service; 8)
20 information about available paratransit options and other relevant
21 transportation services that can be utilized by persons with
22 developmental disabilities in the State, including information about
23 any discounts on transportation costs that may be available to such
24 individuals; and 9) information about, and hyperlinks to,
25 community-based housing options that are available to persons with
26 developmental disabilities in the State, including information about
27 existing housing or utility voucher programs.

28 A hyperlink to this one-stop website is to be posted in a
29 prominent location on the websites of the Departments of Human
30 Services, Health, and Children and Families, and on the website of
31 the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities.