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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “COVID-19 Testing Transparency Act.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning coronavirus disease 2019 testing.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “COVID-19
7 Testing Transparency Act.”

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9 2. a. Prior to testing an individual for the coronavirus disease
10 2019, a public or private facility that performs coronavirus disease
11 2019 tests shall inform the individual of the timeframe in which he
12 or she will receive test results and provide the individual the results
13 of his or her coronavirus disease 2019 test within the timeframe
14 specified by the facility.

15 b. (1) A public or private facility that performs coronavirus
16 disease 2019 tests shall report to the Department of Health, on a
17 monthly basis, the number of coronavirus disease 2019 tests
18 administered by the facility and the average period of time between
19 specimen collection and the provision of test results to a patient.

20 (2) Information that is reported by a public or private facility
21 pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be published on
22 the Internet websites of both the Department of Health and the
23 facility.

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25 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
26 the end of both the state of emergency and the public health
27 emergency declared in response to the coronavirus disease 2019.

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STATEMENT

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32 This bill establishes the “COVID-19 Testing Transparency Act.”

33 The bill provides that prior to testing an individual for the
34 coronavirus disease 2019, a public or private facility that performs
35 coronavirus disease 2019 tests is to inform the individual of the
36 timeframe in which he or she will receive test results and provide
37 the individual the results of his or her coronavirus disease 2019 test
38 within the timeframe specified by the facility.

39 Under the bill, a public or private facility that performs
40 coronavirus disease 2019 tests is to report to the Department of
41 Health (department), on a monthly basis, the number of coronavirus
42 disease 2019 tests administered by the facility and the average
43 period of time between specimen collection and the provision of
44 test results to a patient. Information that is reported by a public or
45 private facility to the department pursuant to the bill’s provisions is
46 to be published on the Internet websites of both the department and
47 the facility.