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SYNOPSIS

Permits DOC and DCF to award contracts for medical and dental services to vendors.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning certain State contracts for medical and dental
2 services and amending P.L.2012, c.45.

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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. Section 3 of P.L.2012, c.45 (C.18A:65-94) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 3. a. In order to carry out the purposes of this act and to
10 provide the program of medical and dental education required for
11 the benefit of the State and the people of New Jersey, all rights to
12 all of the schools, institutes, and centers of the University of
13 Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, other than the School of
14 Osteopathic Medicine, the entire Stratford campus, the remaining
15 facilities in Camden, and University Hospital, are hereby
16 transferred to Rutgers, The State University.

17 The facilities of the schools, institutes, and centers of the
18 University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, other than the
19 facilities of the School of Osteopathic Medicine, the entire Stratford
20 campus, the remaining facilities in Camden, and University
21 Hospital, are hereby transferred to Rutgers, The State University,
22 and the university shall devote the same to the purposes of public
23 higher education in the State in accordance with the terms of any
24 gift, grant, trust, contract or other agreement with the State or any
25 of its political subdivisions or with the United States or with any
26 public body, department or any agency of the State or the United
27 States or with any individual, firm or corporation.

28 Upon the transfer of the schools, institutes, and centers of the
29 University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey to Rutgers,
30 The State University, the Cancer Institute of New Jersey shall
31 become an independent institute at Rutgers, The State University
32 and shall be distinct and separate from any individual school.

33 b. Rutgers, The State University shall maintain the public
34 mission and commitment of the University of Medicine and
35 Dentistry of New Jersey, including an affiliation with University
36 Hospital, to provide a comprehensive healthcare program and
37 services to the greater Newark community, including outreach and
38 mobile health services and services provided collaboratively
39 between University Hospital and the University of Medicine and
40 Dentistry of New Jersey, or any of its components.

41 c. Any school, institute, or center transferred to Rutgers, The
42 State University pursuant to subsection a. of this section based in
43 the City of Newark shall remain in the City of Newark, including
44 the New Jersey Medical School, the New Jersey Dental School,

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.

1 School of Health Related Professions, the School of Nursing, and
2 the Public Health Research Institute.

3 d. Any school, institute, or center of Rutgers, The State
4 University based in Middlesex County shall remain in Middlesex
5 County including, but not limited to, the Robert Wood Johnson
6 Medical School, the School of Public Health, the Ernest Mario
7 School of Pharmacy, the Institute of Health, Health Policy, and
8 Aging Research, and University Behavioral Healthcare.

9 e. Rutgers, The State University shall assume and maintain
10 existing contracts through expiration with the Department of
11 Corrections and the Department of Children and Families to provide
12 services under University Behavioral Healthcare and the School of
13 Nursing. **【The services provided under the contracts shall continue**
14 **to be provided by public employees following expiration of those**
15 **contracts】** Upon expiration of the contracts in effect on the effective
16 date of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
17 under which University Behavioral Healthcare and the School of
18 Nursing provides services, the Department of Corrections and the
19 Department of Children and Families may award the contracts for
20 such services to the vendors whose proposals are most
21 advantageous to the State, price and other factors considered.

22 f. Whenever, in any law, rule, regulation, order, contract,
23 document, judicial or administrative proceeding or otherwise,
24 reference is made to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of
25 New Jersey, other than the School of Osteopathic Medicine, the
26 entire Stratford campus, the remaining facilities in Camden, and
27 University Hospital, the same shall mean and refer to Rutgers, The
28 State University.

29 g. The transfer of the schools, institutes, and centers of the
30 University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, other than the
31 School of Osteopathic Medicine, the entire Stratford campus, the
32 remaining facilities in Camden, and University Hospital, to Rutgers,
33 The State University shall require the accreditation approval of the
34 appropriate accrediting bodies prior to transfer.

35 (cf: P.L.2012, c.45, s.3)

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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40 STATEMENT

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42 Current law requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) and
43 Department of Children and Families (DCF) to ensure certain
44 medical and dental services are provided by public employees. This
45 provision limits the qualified vendors from which these services
46 may be procured and increases costs to the State.

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1 This bill revises the State's procurement process for certain
2 medical and dental contracts to increase efficiency and quality.
3 This bill will provide DOC and DCF with the ability to award
4 contracts for medical and dental services to the vendors whose
5 proposals are most advantageous to the State, price and other
6 factors considered, in order to reduce the State's health care costs.