

SENATE, No. 3699

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Senator VIN GOPAL

District 11 (Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes “COVID-19 Vaccinating, Reaching, and Contacting Everyone Act.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning mobile COVID-19 vaccination centers.

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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 Vaccinating, Reaching, and Contacting Everyone Act.”

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9 2. a. The Department of Health shall coordinate with federally
10 qualified health centers, hospitals, nonprofit organizations, and
11 schools of medicine and nursing to establish mobile coronavirus
12 disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccination centers inside motorbuses,
13 recreational vehicles, and other vehicles deemed appropriate by the
14 department.

15 b. A mobile COVID-19 vaccination center established pursuant
16 to this section may register patients for vaccinations and vaccinate
17 patients within the mobile center.

18 c. A mobile COVID-19 vaccination center established pursuant
19 to this section shall distribute COVID-19 vaccine informational
20 pamphlets prepared by the Department of Health and collect data
21 from patients on a voluntary basis, which may include the age, race,
22 sex, and occupation of patients. A mobile COVID-19 vaccination
23 center shall report collected data to the Department of Health on a
24 quarterly basis.

25 d. The Department of Health shall issue and prioritize grants
26 from available federal funds to a mobile COVID-19 vaccination
27 center established pursuant to this section if the mobile center:

28 (1) operates in a geographic location where there are among the
29 population therein low rates of COVID-19 vaccination, high levels
30 of poverty, and low rates of health insurance coverage, as
31 determined by the department; and

32 (2) employs individuals who reside within the geographic
33 location described in paragraph (1) of this subsection who: provide
34 COVID-19 health tips, inform others of mobile COVID-19
35 vaccination centers, have responsibilities which include, but are not
36 limited to, registering and checking in persons for vaccines, and
37 speak a language that is spoken by more than 10 percent of the
38 population in that geographic location.

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40 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire
41 following the end of the public health emergency declared in
42 response to COVID-19.

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STATEMENT

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47 This bill establishes the “COVID-19 Vaccinating, Reaching, and
48 Contacting Everyone Act.”

1 Under the bill, the Department of Health (department) is to
2 coordinate with federally qualified health centers, hospitals,
3 nonprofit organizations, and schools of medicine and nursing to
4 establish mobile coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccination
5 centers inside motorbuses, recreational vehicles, and other vehicles
6 deemed appropriate by the department.

7 The bill provides that a mobile COVID-19 vaccination center
8 may register patients for vaccinations and vaccinate patients within
9 the mobile center. A mobile COVID-19 vaccination center is to
10 distribute COVID-19 vaccine informational pamphlets prepared by
11 the department and collect data from patients on a voluntary basis,
12 which may include the age, race, sex, and occupation of patients. A
13 mobile COVID-19 vaccination center is to report collected data to
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