

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4615**

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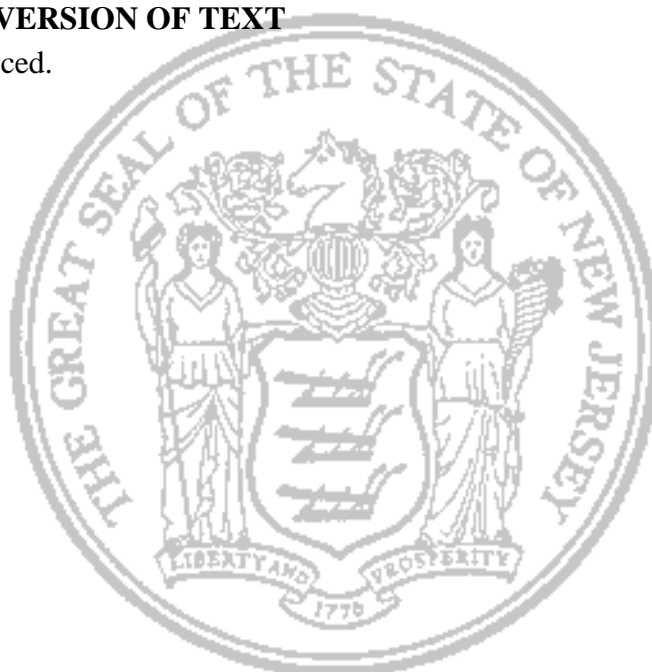
**Assemblyman Benson, Assemblywoman N.Munoz and Assemblyman Stanley**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires State to foster development and implementation of graduate medical education programs in behavioral health care.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/13/2023)**

1 AN ACT concerning graduate medical education and amending and  
2 supplementing P.L.1977, c.390.

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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 5 of P.L.1977, c.390 (C.18A:64H-5) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 5. The **【Commission on】** Secretary of Higher Education, upon  
10 the advice of the Advisory Council, with the concurrence of the  
11 Commissioner of Health, shall:

12 a. Plan for the development and implementation of graduate  
13 medical education programs in the State, which programs shall  
14 include programs in both physical health care and behavioral health  
15 care;

16 b. Set standards for qualification for participation by public and  
17 private nonprofit hospitals in the State;

18 c. Establish standards for the use and expenditures of funds  
19 appropriated pursuant to this act;

20 d. Determine the number and type of graduate medical  
21 education programs which should be supported in particular  
22 hospitals in relation to total State needs.

23 (cf: P.L.1994, c.48, s.174)

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25 2. (New section) a. The Commissioner of Human Services  
26 shall apply for such State plan amendments or waivers as may be  
27 necessary to secure federal financial participation for State  
28 Medicaid expenditures under the federal Medicaid program for the  
29 purpose of establishing additional graduate medical education slots  
30 focused on behavioral health care.

31 b. Contingent on approval of State plan amendments or waivers  
32 applied for pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the  
33 Commissioner of Human Services and the Secretary of Higher  
34 Education shall establish a process for graduate medical education  
35 programs to request and use Medicaid funds to establish additional  
36 graduate medical education programs focused on behavioral health  
37 care.

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39 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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44 This bill requires the Secretary of Higher Education to ensure  
45 that the graduate medical education programs developed and

**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 implemented in New Jersey include programs in both physical  
2 health care and behavioral health care.

3 The bill additionally requires the Commissioner of Human  
4 Services to apply for such State plan amendments or waivers as  
5 may be necessary to secure federal financial participation for State  
6 Medicaid expenditures under the federal Medicaid program for the  
7 purpose of establishing additional graduate medical education slots  
8 focused on behavioral health care.

9 Contingent on approval of the requested State plan amendments  
10 or waivers, the Commissioner of Human Services and the Secretary  
11 of Higher Education will be required to establish a process for  
12 graduate medical education programs to request and use Medicaid  
13 funds to establish additional graduate medical education programs  
14 focused on behavioral health care.

15 It is the sponsor's intent to ensure that the State fosters training  
16 in behavioral health care to help foster a robust behavioral health  
17 care workforce in New Jersey. According to the National Resident  
18 Matching Program (NRMP), New Jersey had 44 Psychiatry resident  
19 positions available in the 2021 Match, all of which were filled,  
20 suggesting that there is an existing demand for behavioral health  
21 care graduate medical education slots that would support the  
22 creation of new slots and help expand the behavioral health care  
23 workforce.