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SYNOPSIS

Requires Division of Children's System of Care to establish training program for employees of emergency shelters for homeless.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Assembly Human Services Committee.



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AN ACT concerning the Division of Children's System of Care and 1 2 supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes. 3 4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. a. As used in this section: 8 "Division" means the Division of Children's System of Care in 9 the Department of Children and Families. "Emergency shelter for the homeless" means a building or 10 structure in which a public entity or a private, nonprofit 11 12 organization provides shelter, or food and shelter, to individuals and families having neither a home nor the means to obtain a home or 13 14 other temporary lodging. 15 b. (1) The Division of Children's System of Care shall establish a training program for the purpose of educating employees of an 16 17 emergency shelter of the homeless on: 18 (a) the services provided by the division, including, but not 19 limited to, mobile response and stabilization, care management 20 services, family support, and other therapeutic and support services for youth with emotional and behavioral challenges, substance use 21 22 challenges, and intellectual and development disabilities; and 23 (b) how to assist parents and youth in accessing the services 24 provided by the division outlined in subparagraph (a) of paragraph 25 (1) of this subsection. 26 (2) The training program shall be made available to employees 27 of an emergency shelter for the homeless in a manner determined 28 by the division, and shall be updated on a regular basis as may be 29 appropriate. 30 c. As part of the training program established pursuant to subsection b. of this section, the division shall: 31 32 (1) develop educational and informational materials concerning 33 the services offered by the division for youth with emotional and 34 behavioral challenges, substance use challenges, and intellectual 35 and development disabilities; and 36 (2) make available to the public on the division's Internet 37 website, both in print, via a Department of Children and Families 38 publication order form that can be submitted from the website, and 39 in a digital format that can be easily printed from the website, the information contained in educational and informational materials 40 41 developed pursuant to this subsection, and update this information 42 as necessary. 43 44 In accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act," 2. 45 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the Division of Children's 46 System of Care, in consultation with the Department of Community 47 Affairs, shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement 48 the provisions of this act.

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- 1 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month
- 2 next following enactment.