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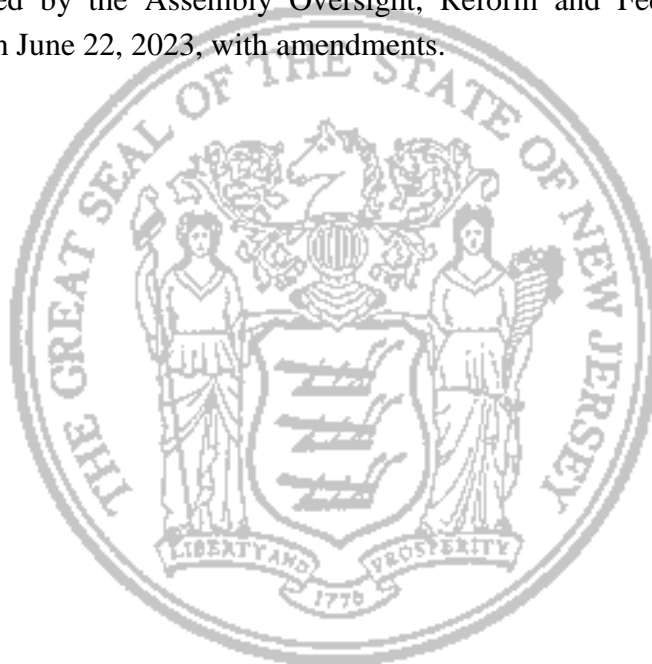
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SYNOPSIS

Revises certain requirements for involuntary commitment for mental health treatment.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Oversight, Reform and Federal Relations Committee on June 22, 2023, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning involuntary commitment to mental health
2 treatment and 1[amending] supplementing1 P.L.1987, c.116
3 ¹(C.30:4-27.1 et seq.)¹ .
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 ¹**[**1.Section 2 of P.L.1987, c.116 (C.30:4-27.2) is amended to
9 read as follows:
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11 2. As used in P.L.1987, c.116 (C.30:4-27.1 et seq.) and
12 P.L.2009, c.112:

13 a. "Chief executive officer" means the person who is the chief
14 administrative officer of an institution or psychiatric facility.

15 b. "Clinical certificate" means a form prepared by the division
16 and approved by the Administrative Office of the Courts, that is
17 completed by the psychiatrist or other physician who has examined
18 the person who is subject to commitment within three days of
19 presenting the person for involuntary commitment to treatment, and
20 which states that the person is in need of involuntary commitment
21 to treatment. The form shall also state the specific facts upon which
22 the examining physician has based his conclusion and shall be
23 certified in accordance with the Rules of the Court. A clinical
24 certificate may not be executed by a person who is a relative by
25 blood or marriage to the person who is being screened.

26 c. "Clinical director" means the person who is designated by
27 the director or chief executive officer to organize and supervise the
28 clinical services provided in a screening service, short-term care or
29 psychiatric facility. The clinical director shall be a psychiatrist;
30 however, those persons currently serving in the capacity will not be
31 affected by this provision. This provision shall not alter any current
32 civil service laws designating the qualifications of such position.

33 d. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Human
34 Services.

35 e. "County counsel" means the chief legal officer or advisor of
36 the governing body of a county.

37 f. "Court" means the Superior Court or a municipal court.

38 g. "Custody" means the right and responsibility to ensure the
39 provision of care and supervision.

40 h. "Dangerous to self" means that by reason of mental illness
41 the person has threatened or attempted suicide or serious bodily
42 harm, or has behaved in such a manner as to indicate that the person
43 is unable to satisfy his need for nourishment, essential medical care
44 or shelter, so that it is probable that substantial bodily injury,
serious physical harm, or death will result within the reasonably

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AJU committee amendments adopted June 15, 2023.

²Assembly AOF committee amendments adopted June 22, 2023.

1 foreseeable future; however, no person shall be deemed to be
2 unable to satisfy his need for nourishment, essential medical care,
3 or shelter if he is able to satisfy such needs with the supervision and
4 assistance of others who are willing and available. This
5 determination shall take into account a person's history, recent
6 behavior, and any recent act, threat, or serious psychiatric
7 deterioration.

8 i. "Dangerous to others or property" means that by reason of
9 mental illness there is a substantial likelihood that the person will
10 inflict serious bodily harm upon another person or cause serious
11 property damage within the reasonably foreseeable future. This
12 determination shall take into account a person's history, recent
13 behavior, and any recent act, threat, or serious psychiatric
14 deterioration.

15 j. "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

16 k. "Director" means the chief administrative officer of a
17 screening service, short-term care facility, or special psychiatric
18 hospital.

19 l. "Division" means the Division of Mental Health and
20 Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services.

21 m. "In need of involuntary commitment" or "in need of
22 involuntary commitment to treatment" means that an adult with
23 mental illness, whose mental illness causes the person to be
24 dangerous to self or dangerous to others or property and who is
25 unwilling to accept appropriate treatment voluntarily after it has
26 been offered, needs outpatient treatment or inpatient care at a short-
27 term care or psychiatric facility or special psychiatric hospital
28 because other services are not appropriate or available to meet the
29 person's mental health care needs.

30 n. "Institution" means any State or county facility providing
31 inpatient care, supervision, and treatment for persons with
32 developmental disabilities; except that with respect to the
33 maintenance provisions of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes,
34 institution also means any psychiatric facility for the treatment of
35 persons with mental illness.

36 o. "Mental health agency or facility" means a legal entity
37 which receives funds from the State, county, or federal government
38 to provide mental health services.

39 p. "Mental health screener" means a psychiatrist, psychologist,
40 social worker, registered professional nurse, licensed marriage and
41 family therapist, or other individual trained to do outreach only for
42 the purposes of psychological assessment who is employed by a
43 screening service and possesses the license, academic training or
44 experience, as required by the commissioner pursuant to regulation;
45 except that a psychiatrist and a State licensed clinical psychologist
46 who meet the requirements for mental health screener shall not have
47 to comply with any additional requirements adopted by the
48 commissioner.

- 1 q. "Mental hospital" means, for the purposes of the payment
2 and maintenance provisions of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, a
3 psychiatric facility.
- 4 r. "Mental illness" means a current, substantial disturbance of
5 thought, mood, perception, or orientation which significantly
6 impairs judgment, capacity to control behavior, or capacity to
7 recognize reality, but does not include simple alcohol intoxication,
8 transitory reaction to drug ingestion, organic brain syndrome, or
9 developmental disability unless it results in the severity of
10 impairment described herein. The term mental illness is not limited
11 to "psychosis" or "active psychosis," but shall include all conditions
12 that result in the severity of impairment described herein.
- 13 s. "Patient" means a person over the age of 18 who has been
14 admitted to, but not discharged from a short-term care or
15 psychiatric facility, or who has been assigned to, but not discharged
16 from an outpatient treatment provider.
- 17 t. "Physician" means a person who is licensed to practice
18 medicine in any one of the United States or its territories, or the
19 District of Columbia.
- 20 u. "Psychiatric facility" means a State psychiatric hospital
21 listed in R.S.30:1-7, a county psychiatric hospital, or a psychiatric
22 unit of a county hospital.
- 23 v. "Psychiatrist" means a physician who has completed the
24 psychiatry training requirements of the Accreditation Council for
25 Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic
26 Association, and is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry
27 and Neurology or the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology
28 and Psychiatry [and Neurology].
- 29 w. "Psychiatric unit of a general hospital" means an inpatient
30 unit of a general hospital that restricts its services to the care and
31 treatment of persons with mental illness who are admitted on a
32 voluntary basis.
- 33 x. "Psychologist" means a person who is licensed as a
34 psychologist by the New Jersey Board of Psychological Examiners.
- 35 y. "Screening certificate" means a clinical certificate executed
36 by a psychiatrist or other physician affiliated with a screening
37 service.
- 38 z. "Screening service" means a public or private ambulatory
39 care service, whether or not affiliated with a hospital, designated by
40 the commissioner, which provides mental health services including
41 assessment, emergency, and referral services to persons with mental
42 illness in a specified geographic area.
- 43 aa. "Screening outreach visit" means an evaluation provided by
44 a mental health screener wherever the person may be when
45 clinically relevant information indicates the person may need
46 involuntary commitment to treatment and is unable or unwilling to
47 come to a screening service.

1 bb. "Short-term care facility" means an inpatient, community
2 based mental health treatment facility that is designated to provide
3 acute care and assessment services to a person with mental illness
4 whose mental illness causes the person to be dangerous to self or
5 dangerous to others or property. A short-term care facility is
6 authorized to serve persons from a specified geographic area, may
7 be a part of a general hospital or other appropriate health care
8 facility, and shall meet certificate of need requirements and be
9 licensed and inspected by the Department of Health pursuant to
10 P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

11 cc. "Special psychiatric hospital" means a public or private
12 hospital licensed by the Department of Health to provide voluntary
13 and involuntary mental health services, including assessment, care,
14 supervision, treatment, and rehabilitation services to persons with
15 mental illness.

16 dd. "Treatment team" means one or more persons, including at
17 least one psychiatrist or physician, and may include a psychologist,
18 social worker, nurse, licensed marriage and family therapist, and
19 other appropriate services providers. A treatment team provides
20 mental health services to a patient of a screening service, outpatient
21 treatment provider, or short-term care or psychiatric facility.

22 ee. "Voluntary admission" means that an adult with mental
23 illness, whose mental illness causes the person to be dangerous to
24 self or dangerous to others or property and is willing to be admitted
25 to a facility voluntarily for care, needs care at a short-term care or
26 psychiatric facility because other facilities or services are not
27 appropriate or available to meet the person's mental health needs. A
28 person may also be voluntarily admitted to a psychiatric facility if
29 his mental illness presents a substantial likelihood of rapid
30 deterioration in functioning in the near future, there are no
31 appropriate community alternatives available, and the psychiatric
32 facility can admit the person and remain within its rated capacity.

33 ff. "County adjuster" means the person appointed pursuant to
34 R.S.30:4-34.

35 gg. "Least restrictive environment" means the available setting
36 and form of treatment that appropriately addresses a person's need
37 for care and the need to respond to dangers to the person, others, or
38 property and respects, to the greatest extent practicable, the person's
39 interests in freedom of movement and self-direction.

40 hh. "Outpatient treatment" means clinically appropriate care
41 based on proven or promising treatments directed to wellness and
42 recovery, provided by a member of the patient's treatment team to a
43 person not in need of inpatient treatment. Outpatient treatment may
44 include, but shall not be limited to, day treatment services, case
45 management, residential services, outpatient counseling and
46 psychotherapy, and medication treatment.

47 ii. "Outpatient treatment provider" means a community-based
48 provider, designated as an outpatient treatment provider pursuant to

1 section 8 of P.L.1987, c.116 (C.30:4-27.8), that provides or
2 coordinates the provision of outpatient treatment to persons in need
3 of involuntary commitment to treatment.

4 jj. "Plan of outpatient treatment" means a plan for recovery
5 from mental illness approved by a court pursuant to section 17 of
6 P.L.2009, c.112 (C.30:4-27.15a) that is to be carried out in an
7 outpatient setting and is prepared by an outpatient treatment
8 provider for a patient who has a history of responding to treatment.
9 The plan may include medication as a component of the plan;
10 however, medication shall not be involuntarily administered in an
11 outpatient setting.

12 kk. "Reasonably foreseeable future" means a time frame that
13 may be beyond the immediate or imminent, but not longer than a
14 time frame as to which reasonably certain judgments about a
15 person's likely behavior can be reached.

16 ll. "Geographic area" means a distinct area of the State that is
17 designated by the commissioner to be served by a screening service
18 and may be a county, portion of a county, or multi-county area.

19 (cf: P.L.2019, c.391, s.1)】¹

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21 ¹ [2. Section 9 of P.L.1987, c.116 (C.30:4-27.9) is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 9. Outpatient treatment providers, short-term care facilities,
24 psychiatric facilities and special psychiatric hospitals shall
25 effectuate the following purposes and procedures:

26 a. An outpatient treatment provider to which a person has been
27 assigned pursuant to an order of continued involuntary commitment
28 to treatment pursuant to section 15 of P.L.1987, c.116 (C.30:4-
29 27.15) shall maintain the plan of outpatient treatment approved by
30 the court pursuant to section 17 of P.L.2009, c.112 (C.30:4-27.15a),
31 and shall notify the court, the person's attorney and the county
32 adjuster of any material non-compliance with the plan by the person
33 and of the inadequacy of the plan of outpatient treatment to meet
34 the person's mental health needs, if applicable, and seek court
35 approval for a modification to a plan of outpatient treatment, as
36 provided for in section 9 of P.L.2009, c.112 (C.30:4-27.8a).

37 The director or chief executive officer of a short-term care
38 facility, psychiatric facility or special psychiatric hospital shall have
39 custody of a person while that person is detained in the facility and
40 shall notify:

41 (1) appropriate public or private agencies to arrange for the care
42 of any dependents and to ensure the protection of the person's
43 property; and (2) appropriate ambulatory mental health providers
44 for the purposes of beginning discharge planning.

45 If a person is admitted to a psychiatric facility, the chief
46 executive officer of the facility shall promptly notify the county
47 adjuster of the person's county of residence that the person has been
48 admitted to the facility.

1 The facility is authorized to provide assessment, treatment and
2 rehabilitation services and shall provide discharge planning services
3 as required pursuant to section 18 of P.L.1987, c.116 (C.30:4-
4 27.18).

5 The facility is authorized to detain persons involuntarily
6 committed to the facility.

7 b. A person shall not be involuntarily committed to treatment at
8 an outpatient treatment provider, short-term care or psychiatric
9 facility, or special psychiatric hospital unless the person is in need
10 of involuntary commitment to treatment.

11 The person shall be assigned involuntarily to an outpatient
12 treatment provider or admitted involuntarily to a facility only by
13 referral from a screening service or temporary court order. The
14 person may be admitted voluntarily to a short-term care or
15 psychiatric facility or special psychiatric hospital only after the
16 person has been advised orally and in writing of the discharge
17 provisions established pursuant to P.L.1987, c.116 (C.30:4-27.1 et
18 seq.) and P.L.2009, c.112 (C.30:4-27.8a et al.) and of the
19 subsequent possibility that the facility may initiate involuntary
20 commitment proceedings for the person.

21 c. A general hospital, short-term care or psychiatric facility, or
22 special psychiatric hospital may detain a person, admitted to the
23 facility involuntarily by referral from a screening service without a
24 temporary court order, for **no more than** up to 72 hours from the
25 time the screening certificate was executed without the need for
26 reevaluation of the person. During this period of time the facility
27 shall initiate court proceedings for the involuntary commitment of
28 the person pursuant to section 10 of P.L.1987, c.116 (C.30:4-27.10).
29 If a determination for a temporary court order has not been rendered
30 within 72 hours from the time the screening certificate was
31 executed, or if a temporary court order has been granted but the
32 admitting facility lacks sufficient capacity to accommodate the
33 person, the facility may detain the person for up to 72 additional
34 hours, provided that:

35 (1) the person is reevaluated by a psychiatrist at least once every
36 24 hours;

37 (2) the psychiatrist reevaluating the person pursuant to
38 paragraph (1) of this subsection recommends the person be detained
39 based on a determination that:

40 (a) the person's history indicates a high risk of rehospitalization
41 based on the person's historic failure to comply with discharge
42 plans; or

43 (b) there is a substantial likelihood that, by reason of mental
44 illness, the person will be dangerous to the person's own self or to
45 property or others; and

46 (3) the person is detained for a total of no more than 144 hours
47 from the time the screening certificate was executed.

1 d. A person shall not be assigned to an outpatient treatment
2 provider by referral from a screening service without a temporary
3 court order, **[for more than 72]** which shall be obtained within 144
4 hours from the time the screening certificate was executed. During
5 this period of time the provider shall initiate court proceedings for
6 the involuntary commitment of the person pursuant to section 10 of
7 P.L.1987, c.116 (C.30:4-27.10). If more than 144 hours have
8 elapsed from the time the screening certificate was executed, the
9 person may not thereafter be assigned to an outpatient treatment
10 provider by referral from a screening service without a temporary
11 court order unless the person undergoes a new screening, and a new
12 commitment process is initiated, by a psychiatrist who did not
13 conduct the evaluation for the prior clinical certificate.

14 e. Screenings and evaluations conducted for the purposes of
15 this section may be performed using telemedicine and telehealth, as
16 those terms are defined in section 1 of P.L.2017, c.117 (C.45:1-61).
17 (cf: P.L.2009, c.112, s.10)]¹
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19 ¹1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9 of P.L.1987,
20 c.116 (C.30:4-27.9) or any other law, rule, or regulation to the
21 contrary, commencing on the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
22 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and ending on the last day
23 of the 24th calendar month following that effective date, a short-term
24 care or psychiatric facility, or a special psychiatric hospital, may detain
25 a person admitted to the facility involuntarily by referral from a
26 screening service without a temporary court order for no more than 72
27 hours from the time the screening certificate was executed.

28 Except in the event a general hospital was granted a temporary
29 court order permitting the continued hold of the person pursuant to
30 subsection b. of this section, which delayed a person's admission to
31 the short-term care or psychiatric facility or special psychiatric
32 hospital, a short-term care or psychiatric facility or special psychiatric
33 hospital shall not detain a person admitted to the facility involuntarily
34 by referral from a screening service without a temporary court order
35 for more than 72 hours from the time the screening certificate was
36 executed.

37 Within 24 hours of admission, the admitting facility shall initiate
38 court proceedings for the involuntary commitment of the person
39 pursuant to section 10 of P.L.1987, c.116 (C.30:4-27.10) and request a
40 temporary court order permitting the continued hold of the person
41 pending the return date of the involuntary commitment hearing, which
42 shall take place no later than 20 days from initial commitment.

43 b. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9 of P.L.1987,
44 c.116 (C.30:4-27.9) or any other law, rule, or regulation to the
45 contrary, commencing on the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
46 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and ending on the last day
47 of the 24th calendar month following that effective date, a general
48 hospital, including any satellite emergency department of a general

1 hospital, where a person is located during a screening outreach visit,
2 may not detain the person for more than 72 hours from the time a
3 screening certificate is executed, unless the hospital or emergency
4 department obtains a temporary court order permitting the continued
5 hold of the person for up to 72 additional hours, as determined by the
6 court. The hospital or emergency department may ²**[apply]** submit an
7 emergent application² for such order and continue to hold the person
8 during the pendency of the application, provided that appropriate
9 treatment that meets the standard of care is being rendered to the
10 person. The Office of the Public Defender shall be notified of the
11 ²emergent² application ², provided with a copy of the application and
12 all supporting documents,² and shall ²**[appoint]** be appointed as²
13 counsel to represent the patient. ²The application may be decided by
14 the court on documentary presentations relevant to the standards
15 established under paragraph (2) of this subsection. At the request of
16 counsel, the court may conduct a hearing on the record, at which
17 hearing the court shall consider the arguments of counsel and all
18 relevant evidence submitted. The court shall determine the format of
19 the hearing based on the apparent complexity of the matter and the
20 extent of doubt as to the merits of the application, and may, at its
21 discretion, rely on certifications from witnesses or require live
22 testimony.²

23 (2) The court ²**[shall]** may² grant a temporary order granting the
24 continued hold of a person upon an application submitted pursuant to
25 paragraph (1) of this subsection if the hospital or emergency
26 department:

27 (a) exhausted all reasonable efforts to place the individual in a
28 short-term care or psychiatric facility, or special psychiatric hospital,
29 depending on which facility is appropriate for the person's condition
30 and is the least restrictive environment; and

31 (b) demonstrates that there is a substantial likelihood that, by
32 reason of mental illness, the person will be dangerous to the person's
33 own self or others based upon the certification of two psychiatrists
34 who have examined the patient and deemed the patient is in need of
35 involuntary commitment.

36 The court shall include such conditions in the temporary order as
37 the court deems appropriate to promote diligent efforts to locate an
38 available facility to accommodate the patient's needs and protect the
39 rights of the person detained pending commitment. The Office of the
40 Public Defender shall be notified and provided with a copy of any
41 temporary court order granted pursuant to this paragraph. The patient
42 shall receive a court hearing with respect to the issue of continued
43 need for involuntary commitment within 20 days from ²the date of²
44 initial commitment ²or within 20 days from the date an application
45 was filed pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection, whichever date
46 occurs first,² unless the patient has been administratively discharged
47 pursuant to section 17 of P.L.1987, c.116 (C.30:4-27.17).

1 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule, or
2 regulation to the contrary, commencing on the effective date of P.L. ,
3 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and ending
4 on the last day of the 24th calendar month following that effective
5 date, each general hospital and emergency department shall prepare
6 and submit to the Department of Human Services a quarterly report,
7 which report shall include, but not be limited to, information on:

8 (a) the number of applications submitted to the court for a
9 temporary court order permitting the continued hold of a person
10 beyond 72 hours pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection;

11 (b) the number of temporary court orders granted pursuant to
12 paragraph (2) of this subsection permitting the continued hold of a
13 person beyond 72 hours;

14 (c) whether a person detained for longer than 72 hours: has a
15 criminal history; has a co-occurring substance use disorder; has a co-
16 occurring intellectual or developmental disability; or is unable to be
17 released because the ²[72 hour] 72-hour² timeframe falls on a
18 weekend and either admission to treatment facilities are not provided
19 on weekends, or discharges from the facility do not occur on
20 weekends;

21 (d) the length of time each individual was held beyond 72 hours
22 before finding appropriate placement in a treatment facility; and

23 (e) the number of individuals placed in an appropriate treatment
24 facility within 72 hours.

25 Any information included in a report concerning specific
26 individuals shall be de-identified. Each report shall be made available
27 to the public within 60 days of the date the Department of Human
28 Services receives the report.¹

29 ²c. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule, or
30 regulation to the contrary, commencing on the effective date of P.L. ,
31 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and ending
32 on the last day of the 24th calendar month following that effective
33 date, a general hospital may apply to the Department of Health for
34 temporary licenses for beds for the involuntary commitment of
35 patients. The department shall issue temporary licenses pursuant to
36 this paragraph based on the hospital demonstrating in its application an
37 extraordinary need for such beds. Any temporary license granted
38 pursuant to this paragraph shall expire on the last day of the 24th
39 calendar month following the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
40 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

41 (2) The Department of Health shall make available on its Internet
42 website and continuously update information concerning the total
43 number of temporary licenses granted pursuant to paragraph (1) of this
44 subsection, as well as the number of temporary licenses granted to
45 each hospital that submitted an application pursuant to paragraph (1)
46 of this subsection.

47 (3) The department shall submit information concerning the total
48 number of temporary licenses granted pursuant to paragraph (1) of this

1 subsection, as well as the number of temporary licenses granted to
2 each hospital that submitted an application pursuant to paragraph (1)
3 of this subsection, to the Commissioner of Human Services, which
4 information shall: (a) be submitted in a manner that allows the
5 Commissioner of Human Services sufficient time to include the
6 information in the report required pursuant to subsection b. of section
7 2 of this act; and (b) reflect the number of temporary licenses granted
8 as of the date the information is submitted.²

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10 ¹2. a. The Department of Human Services and the Department of
11 Health shall jointly conduct a study concerning the challenges of
12 placing individuals in appropriate treatment settings, and the supply of
13 and demand for both involuntary commitment beds and voluntary
14 commitment beds in this State. In conducting the study, the
15 departments shall solicit input from interested stakeholders including,
16 but not limited to, hospitals, the Office of the Public Defender, the
17 Administrative Office of the Courts, advocates representing mental
18 health patients, advocates representing individuals with disabilities,
19 and representatives of psychiatric screening centers.

20 b. No later than 18 months after the effective date of P.L. , c.
21 (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the
22 Commissioner of Human Services shall submit to the Governor and,
23 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the
24 Legislature, a report, which shall include, but not be limited to:

25 (1) a summary of the findings from the study conducted pursuant
26 to subsection a. of this section;

27 (2) an analysis of the supply of and demand for involuntary
28 commitment beds and voluntary commitment beds, based on the
29 geographic location of the patient and whether the patient is an adult
30 patient, pediatric patient, has been diagnosed with an intellectual or
31 developmental disability and a mental health condition, or has been
32 diagnosed with a substance use disorder and a mental health condition;

33 ²[and]²

34 (3) ²the number of temporary licenses granted by the Department
35 of Health pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection c. of section 1 of this
36 act as of the date the information concerning the licenses is submitted
37 to the Commissioner of Human Services pursuant to paragraph (3) of
38 subsection c. of section 1 of this act; and

39 (4)² any recommendations for legislative action.¹

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41 3. This act shall take effect immediately.