

**SENATE, No. 3122**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
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**SYNOPSIS**

Creates online job portal for behavioral health care workers and online internship and externship portal for health care students.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning health care and supplementing Title 26 of the  
2 Revised Statutes.

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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. As used in this act:

8 “Behavioral health care” means health care and associated  
9 services, which are provided to a patient for the treatment of a  
10 mental illness, emotional disorder, or drug or alcohol use that is of  
11 mild to moderate severity. “Behavioral health care” shall not  
12 include health care that is provided for the treatment of severe  
13 mental illness, severe emotional disorder, or severe drug or alcohol  
14 use or primary care.

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16 2. a. (1) The Department of Health shall create, maintain, and  
17 update, as appropriate, an online job portal, in the form of an  
18 Internet website, which permits in-State employers to post job  
19 openings for behavioral health care workers.

20 (2) The Department of Health shall create, maintain, and update,  
21 as appropriate, a separate online internship and externship portal, in  
22 the form of an Internet website, which permits in-State employers to  
23 post internship and externship openings that are eligible to provide  
24 academic credits for students who are studying to become a health  
25 care professional licensed under Title 45 of the Revised Statutes or  
26 to provide credits toward licensure or completion of a program.

27 b. The Department of Health may contract with a third-party to  
28 develop and administer the online job portal and online internship  
29 and externship portal as necessary.

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31 3. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and  
32 regulations, in accordance with the “Administrative Procedure Act,”  
33 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are necessary to effectuate  
34 the provisions of this act.

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36 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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41 This bill creates an online job portal for behavioral health care  
42 workers and online internship and externship portal for health care  
43 students.

44 Under the bill, the Department of Health (department) is to  
45 create, maintain, and update, as appropriate, an online job portal, in  
46 the form of an Internet website, which permits in-State employers to  
47 post job openings for behavioral health care workers. Further, the  
48 department is to create, maintain, and update, as appropriate, a

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2 Internet website, which permits in-State employers to post  
3 internship and externship openings that are eligible to provide  
4 academic credits for students who are studying to become a health  
5 care professional licensed under Title 45 of the Revised Statutes or  
6 to provide credits toward licensure or completion of a program.  
7 The department may contract with a third-party to develop and  
8 administer the online job portal and online internship and  
9 externship portal as necessary

10 Under the bill, “behavioral health care” means health care and  
11 associated services, which are provided to a patient for the  
12 treatment of a mental illness, emotional disorder, or drug or alcohol  
13 use that is of mild to moderate severity. “Behavioral health care”  
14 does not include health care that is provided for the treatment of  
15 severe mental illness, severe emotional disorder, or severe drug or  
16 alcohol use or primary care.