

# SENATE, No. 3262

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Division of Children's System of Care to establish goals for prioritizing certain services to homeless children.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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

1 AN ACT concerning the Division of Children's System of Care and  
2 supplementing Title 30 of the 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. a. The Division of Children's System of Care in the  
8 Department of Children and Families shall establish divisional and  
9 treatment-specific goals related to the provision of behavioral health  
10 care, substance use services, or disability services, as appropriate  
11 which may incorporate treatment service redesign initiatives and  
12 quality of clinical care and service delivery objectives. In  
13 establishing these goals, the division shall prioritize the needs of  
14 homeless children and adolescents who are eligible to receive  
15 behavioral health care, substance use services, or disability services.

16 b. The division shall adopt policies and programs to accomplish  
17 the goals established pursuant to this act.

18 c. Within 12 months following the effective date of this act, the  
19 division shall submit a written report to the Governor and, pursuant  
20 to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature  
21 that:

22 (1) measures the division's progress in achieving the goals  
23 established pursuant to subsection a. of this section;

24 (2) identifies barriers to the achievement of the goals; and

25 (3) makes recommendations for legislative or regulatory action  
26 to address barriers to the achievement of the goals.

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28 2. The Division of Children's System of Care shall adopt rules  
29 and regulations pursuant to the provisions of the "Administrative  
30 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to effectuate  
31 the provisions of this act.

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33 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month  
34 next following enactment.

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#### STATEMENT

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39 This bill requires the Division of Children's System of Care in  
40 the Department of Children and Families to establish divisional and  
41 treatment-specific goals related to the provision of behavioral health  
42 care, substance use services, or disability services, as appropriate  
43 which may incorporate treatment service redesign initiatives and  
44 quality of clinical care and service delivery objectives. In  
45 establishing the goals, the division is to prioritize the needs of  
46 homeless children and adolescents who are eligible to receive  
47 behavioral health care, substance use services, or disability services.

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1 Under the bill's provisions, the division is to (1) adopt policies  
2 and programs to accomplish the goals established pursuant to the  
3 bill; and (2) submit a written report to the Governor and the  
4 Legislature, within one year of the bill's enactment, containing  
5 certain information on the establishment and achievement of the  
6 goals as outlined in the bill.