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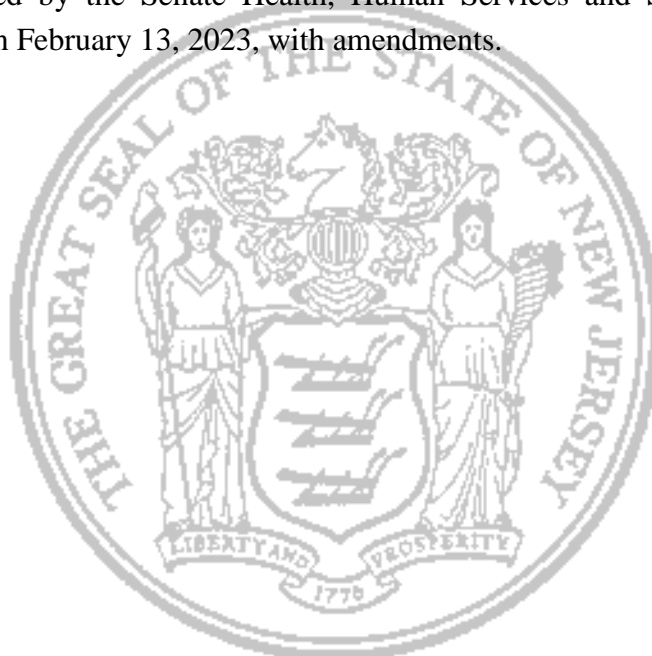
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**SYNOPSIS**

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

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on February 13, 2023, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/27/2023)**

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. <sup>1</sup>As used in this section:

8 “Division” means the Division of Children’s System of Care in the  
9 Department of Children and Families.

10 “Emergency shelter for the homeless” means a building or  
11 structure in which a public entity or a private, nonprofit organization  
12 provides shelter, or food and shelter, to individuals and families having  
13 neither a home nor the means to obtain a home or other temporary  
14 lodging.

15 b. (1)<sup>1</sup> The Division of Children’s System of Care <sup>1</sup>**[in the**  
16 **Department of Children and Families]**<sup>1</sup> shall establish <sup>1</sup>**[divisional**  
17 **and treatment-specific goals related to the provision of behavioral**  
18 **health care, substance use services, or disability services, as**  
19 **appropriate which may incorporate treatment service redesign**  
20 **initiatives and quality of clinical care and service delivery objectives.**  
21 **In establishing these goals, the division shall prioritize the needs of**  
22 **homeless children and adolescents who are eligible to receive**  
23 **behavioral health care, substance use services, or disability services.**

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

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

29 (1) measures the division’s progress in achieving the goals  
30 established pursuant to subsection a. of this section;

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

32 (3) makes recommendations for legislative or regulatory action to  
33 address barriers to the achievement of the goals.] a training program  
34 for the purpose of educating employees of an emergency shelter of the  
35 homeless on:

36 (a) the services provided by the division, including, but not limited  
37 to, mobile response and stabilization, care management services,  
38 family support, and other therapeutic and support services for youth  
39 with emotional and behavioral challenges, substance use challenges,  
40 and intellectual and development disabilities; and

41 (b) how to assist parents and youth in accessing the services  
42 provided by the division outlined in subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1)  
43 of this subsection.

44 (2) The training program shall be made available to employees of  
45 an emergency shelter for the homeless in a manner determined by the  
46 division, and shall be updated on a regular basis as may be appropriate.

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SHH committee amendments adopted February 13, 2023.

1       c. As part of the training program established pursuant to  
2 subsection b. of this section, the division shall:

3       (1) develop educational and informational materials concerning the  
4 services offered by the division for youth with emotional and  
5 behavioral challenges, substance use challenges, and intellectual and  
6 development disabilities; and

7       (2) make available to the public on the division's Internet website,  
8 both in print, via a Department of Children and Families publication  
9 order form that can be submitted from the website, and in a digital  
10 format that can be easily printed from the website, the information  
11 contained in educational and informational materials developed  
12 pursuant to this subsection, and update this information as necessary.<sup>1</sup>

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14       2. <sup>1</sup>**【The Division of Children’s System of Care】** In accordance  
15 with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1  
16 et seq.), the Division of Children’s System of Care, in consultation  
17 with the Department of Community Affairs,<sup>1</sup> shall adopt rules and  
18 regulations <sup>1</sup>**【pursuant to the provisions of the "Administrative**  
19 **Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to effectuate】**  
20 necessary to implement<sup>1</sup> the provisions of this act.

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