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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DOH to establish partnerships with certain entities to improve emergency response to public health crisis.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning long-term care facilities and supplementing  
2 Title 26 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. The Commissioner of Health shall:

8 a. identify goods and services that are critical to the  
9 Department of Health's ability to provide a robust emergency  
10 response to a public health crisis;

11 b. identify partnerships that are critical to the Department of  
12 Health's ability to provide a robust emergency response to a public  
13 health crisis;

14 c. establish mechanisms for the creation and maintenance of  
15 the partnerships described in subsection b. of this section;

16 d. identify groups that are most at-risk during a public health  
17 crisis;

18 e. establish and maintain institutionalized partnerships with  
19 businesses, community groups, governments, health care facilities  
20 and professionals, industries, universities, and other stakeholders  
21 that will enable the Department of Health to expand and improve its  
22 ability to provide a robust emergency response to a public health  
23 crisis;

24 f. formulate collaborative public health crisis response plans  
25 through the partnerships that were formed pursuant to this section;

26 g. participate in joint training and exercises with partners for  
27 the execution of collaborative public health crisis response plans;

28 h. regularly engage partners on topics related to the delivery of  
29 services and emergency preparedness;

30 i. coordinate with partners during nonemergency government  
31 operations; and

32 j. coordinate with other local and State agencies and  
33 departments to develop a system to share and track contacts and  
34 partnership activity.

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36 2. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and  
37 regulations, in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
38 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are necessary to effectuate  
39 the provisions of this act.

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41 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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46 This bill requires the Department of Health to establish  
47 partnerships with certain entities to improve emergency response to  
48 public health crisis.

1 Under the bill, the Commissioner of Health is to:

2 (1) identify goods and services that are critical to the  
3 Department of Health's ability to provide a robust emergency  
4 response to a public health crisis;

5 (2) identify partnerships that are critical to the Department of  
6 Health's ability to provide a robust emergency response to a public  
7 health crisis;

8 (3) establish mechanisms for the creation and maintenance of  
9 the partnerships described in the bill;

10 (4) identify groups that are most at-risk during a public health  
11 crisis;

12 (5) establish and maintain institutionalized partnerships with  
13 businesses, community groups, governments, health care facilities  
14 and professionals, industries, universities, and other stakeholders  
15 that will enable the Department of Health to expand and improve its  
16 ability to provide a robust emergency response to a public health  
17 crisis;

18 (6) formulate collaborative public health crisis response plans  
19 through the partnerships that were formed pursuant to the bill's  
20 provisions;

21 (7) participate in joint training and exercises with partners for  
22 the execution of collaborative public health crisis response plans;

23 (8) regularly engage partners on topics related to the delivery of  
24 services and emergency preparedness;

25 (9) coordinate with partners during nonemergency government  
26 operations; and

27 (10) coordinate with other local and State agencies and  
28 departments to develop a system to share and track contacts and  
29 partnership activity.