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SYNOPSIS

Requires development and maintenance of data dashboard report to advise of open bed availability in residential facilities providing behavioral health services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Human Services Committee on June 6, 2016, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT concerning information about the availability of beds in
2 certain residential facilities and supplementing Title 30 of the
3 Revised Statutes.

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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. a. The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in
9 the Department of Human Services shall oversee the development and
10 maintenance of a data dashboard report, which shall collect and track
11 the daily information received pursuant to section 2 of this act about
12 the number of open beds that are available for treatment for
13 individuals in need of mental health or substance use disorder
14 treatment in each facility in the State that is licensed to provide:

15 (1) long term or extended care services for mental health or
16 substance use disorders and receives State or county funding,
17 including, but not limited to, a psychiatric facility, psychiatric unit of a
18 general hospital, short-term care facility, and special psychiatric
19 hospital, as those terms are defined in section 2 of P.L.1987, c.116
20 (C.30:4-27.2), and a residential health care facility as defined in
21 section 1 of P.L.1953, c.212 (C.30:11A-1); or

22 (2) acute or intermediate level of care services for mental health or
23 a substance use disorder and receives State or county funding,
24 including, but not limited to, a psychiatric facility, psychiatric unit of a
25 general hospital, short-term care facility, and special psychiatric
26 hospital, as those terms are defined in section 2 of P.L.1987, c.116
27 (C.30:4-27.2).

28 b. The information maintained in the data dashboard report shall
29 include, by county:

30 (1) the address and telephone number of the facility;

31 (2) the type of services provided by the facility;

32 (3) the licensed bed capacity of the facility; and

33 (4) the number of open beds that are available for the provision of
34 mental health or substance use disorder services, based on the
35 information received pursuant to section 2 of this act.

36 c. The information described in subsection b. of this section shall
37 be:

38 (1) prominently displayed on the website of the department;

39 (2) made available to the public, upon request, through the
40 Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system; and

41 (3) made available using any other means that the Commissioner
42 of Human Services deems appropriate.

43 d. The commissioner is authorized to solicit, receive, and accept
44 grants, funds, or anything of value from any public or private entity

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 AHU committee amendments adopted June 6, 2016.

1 and receive and accept contributions of money, property, labor, or any
2 other thing of value from any legitimate source for the purpose of the
3 development and maintenance of a data dashboard report pursuant to
4 this act.

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6 2. **¹[a.]** Each facility in the State that is licensed to provide
7 mental health or substance use disorder services, as provided for in
8 section 1 of this act, and receives State or county funding shall
9 submit to the data dashboard report, no less than once a day,
10 information advising of the number of open beds that are available
11 for the provision of mental health or substance use disorder services
12 on that day.

13 **¹[b.]** In addition to the reporting requirements provided for in
14 subsection a. of this section, each acute care hospital licensed
15 pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) shall report, no less
16 than once a day, through an online data collection system
17 containing nonidentifying information to be shared publicly:

18 (1) the number of patients who were admitted to the emergency
19 room and hospital with a psychiatric or addiction diagnosis;

20 (2) the number of psychiatric screening evaluations that were
21 requested from, and completed by, a county mental health screener,
22 as defined in section 2 of P.L.1987, c.116 (C.30:4-27.2);

23 (3) the amount of time, in hours and minutes, that patients have
24 been waiting for evaluation since admission to the emergency room;

25 (4) the number of patients who were transferred for psychiatric
26 treatment to a psychiatric facility or special psychiatric hospital, as
27 those terms are defined in section 2 of P.L.1987, c.116 (C.30:4-
28 27.2);

29 (5) the number of patients who were admitted for psychiatric
30 treatment to the hospital, and the total wait time of these patients
31 from the date and time of admission to the emergency room;

32 (6) the percentage of patients on whom chemical or physical
33 restraints were used; and

34 (7) such other data as necessary to monitor the effectiveness of
35 the response system for acute care psychiatric services in the
36 State.]¹

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38 3. a. The division shall convene a workgroup which shall
39 include, at a minimum, one representative from each of the following
40 organizations:

41 (1) the New Jersey Hospital Association;

42 (2) the New Jersey Chapter of the American College of Emergency
43 Physicians;

44 (3) the Health Care Association of New Jersey;

45 (4) LeadingAge New Jersey; and

46 (5) other stakeholders as the division deems appropriate.

47 b. The workgroup shall assist the division and the department in
48 the monitoring of the data reporting requirements as provided for in

1 section 2 of this act, including, but not limited to the following
2 parameters:

- 3 (1) definitions of all data elements;
- 4 (2) protocols for data reporting;
- 5 (3) qualifications of a person who submits data pursuant to section
6 2 of this act;
- 7 (4) facility compliance with the provisions of this act;
- 8 (5) development of a "real-time" reporting mechanism; and
- 9 (6) any other area of interest that the workgroup deems
10 appropriate.

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12 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
13 next following the date of enactment.