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SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to develop timeline for use by individuals with developmental disabilities to gain benefit of State and federal programs; requires posting timeline on DHS, DCF, and DOE websites.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

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1 AN ACT concerning individuals with developmental disabilities,
2 supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes and Title 18A of
3 the New Jersey Statutes, and amending P.L.2006, c.47.

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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. (New section) a. The Commissioner of Human Services, or
9 the commissioner's designee, in consultation with the Commissioner
10 of Children and Families, the Commissioner of Community Affairs,
11 the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Labor and
12 Workforce Development, and the Commissioner of Transportation,
13 or their designees, shall develop a timeline that lists activities that
14 an individual with a developmental disability may engage in, at a
15 certain age or range of ages, in order to gain the benefit of a State or
16 federal program or fulfill an obligation, as applicable. The timeline
17 shall be arranged by age, as appropriate, and include information
18 about where to access information about the activity, if applicable.

19 b. The activities to be included on the timeline developed
20 pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall include, but not be
21 limited to:

22 (1) applying for adult services for individuals with
23 developmental disabilities;

24 (2) determining if guardianship is necessary and the type of
25 guardianship services appropriate for the individual;

26 (3) applying for assistance from State or federal housing
27 programs;

28 (4) applying for benefits from the federal Social Security
29 Administration;

30 (5) applying for benefits under the "Personal Assistance
31 Services Act," P.L.1987, c.350 (C.30:4G-13 et seq.);

32 (6) if male, registering with the federal Selective Service
33 System;

34 (7) applying for financial aid for admission to institutions of
35 higher education;

36 (8) applying for employment or for assistance with job searches;
37 and

38 (9) contacting the Department of Transportation to learn about
39 transportation services for individuals with developmental
40 disabilities.

41 c. The Commissioner of Human Services shall: post the
42 timeline developed pursuant to this section on the official website
43 of the Department of Human Services; share the timeline with the
44 Commissioner of Education and Commissioner of Children and

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.

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1 Families; and update the timeline as new information becomes
2 available.

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4 2. (New section) The Commissioner of Education shall post the
5 timeline developed pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)
6 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) on the official website
7 of the Department of Education.

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9 3. Section 7 of P.L.2006, c.47 (C.9:3A-7) is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 7. The commissioner, as administrator and chief executive
12 officer of the department, shall:

13 a. Administer the work of the department;

14 b. Appoint and remove officers and other personnel employed
15 within the department, subject to the provisions of Title 11A of the
16 New Jersey Statutes, Civil Service, and other applicable statutes,
17 except as herein otherwise specifically provided;

18 c. Appoint such deputy and assistant commissioners, directors
19 and other personnel in the unclassified service as the commissioner
20 deems appropriate to receive such compensation as may be
21 provided by law;

22 d. Perform, exercise and discharge the functions, powers and
23 duties of the department through such divisions as may be
24 established by this act or otherwise by law;

25 e. Organize the work of the department in such divisions, not
26 inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and in such other
27 organizational units as he may determine to be necessary for
28 efficient and effective operation;

29 f. Adopt, issue and promulgate, in the name of the department,
30 such rules and regulations as may be authorized by law, consistent
31 with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
32 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.);

33 g. Formulate and adopt rules and regulations for the efficient
34 conduct of the work and general administration of the department,
35 its officers and employees;

36 h. Institute or cause to be instituted such legal proceedings or
37 processes as may be necessary to enforce and give effect to any of
38 his powers or duties;

39 i. Make such reports of the department's operation as the
40 Governor or the Legislature shall from time to time request, or as
41 may be required by law;

42 j. Coordinate the activities of the department, and the several
43 divisions and other agencies therein, in a manner designed to
44 eliminate overlapping and duplicating functions;

45 k. Integrate within the department, so far as practicable, all
46 staff services of the department and of the several divisions and
47 other agencies therein;

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- 1 l. Maintain suitable headquarters for the department and such
2 other quarters as are necessary to the proper functioning of the
3 department;
- 4 m. Solicit, apply for, and accept on behalf of the State any
5 contributions, donations of money, goods, services, real or personal
6 property or grants from the federal government or any agency
7 thereof, or from any foundation, corporation, association or
8 individual, and comply with the terms, conditions and limitations
9 thereof, for any of the purposes of the department;
- 10 n. Enter into contracts and agreements with public and private
11 entities, as may be appropriate to carry out the purposes of the
12 department;
- 13 o. Be the request officer for the department within the meaning
14 of such term as defined in P.L.1944, c.112 (C.52:27B-1 et seq.);
15 **[and]**
- 16 p. Perform such other functions as may be prescribed in this act
17 or by any other law; and
- 18 q. Post the timeline developed pursuant to section 1 of P.L. ,
19 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) on the
20 official website of the department.
21 (cf: P.L.2006, c.47, s.7)

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23 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
24 month next following the date of enactment.
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27 STATEMENT
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29 This bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services, or the
30 commissioner's designee, in consultation with the Commissioner of
31 Children and Families, the Commissioner of Community Affairs,
32 the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Labor and
33 Workforce Development, and the Commissioner of Transportation,
34 or their designees, to develop a timeline that lists activities that an
35 individual with a developmental disability may engage in, at a
36 certain age or range of ages, in order to gain the benefit of a State or
37 federal program or fulfill an obligation, as applicable. The timeline
38 is to be arranged by age and include information about where to
39 access information about the activity. The Commissioners of
40 Human Services, Children and Families, and Education are required
41 to post the timeline on their websites.

42 Activities to be included on the timeline include, but are not
43 limited to: applying for adult services for individuals with
44 developmental disabilities; determining if guardianship is necessary
45 and the type of guardianship services appropriate for the individual;
46 applying for assistance from State or federal housing programs;
47 applying for benefits from the federal Social Security
48 Administration; applying for benefits under the "Personal

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4 education; applying for employment or assistance with job searches;
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