

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 823

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 3, 2010

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 823.

This bill establishes a task force in the Department of Human Services to develop a plan to ensure the preservation of the original Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital main building in the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, Morris County.

The bill provides specifically that:

1) The task force is to consist of 11 members as follows:

the Commissioners of Human Services and Environmental Protection, the State Treasurer; the Mayor of Parsippany-Troy Hills, the Director of the Morris County Freeholder Board, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital, or their designees, as ex officio members; and

five public members, appointed by the Governor no later than the 60th day after the effective date of the bill, as follows: one person who is a member of the Morris County Historical Society, one person who is currently employed as a professional architect and has demonstrated familiarity with the history and architectural features of the original Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital main building, one person upon the recommendation of the Mental Health Association in New Jersey, one person who is a former patient at the original Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital, and one person who is a resident of Morris County or an adjacent county and is identified as being actively engaged in advocating for the preservation of the original Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital main building.

2) Vacancies in the membership of the task force are to be filled in the same manner provided for the original appointments.

3) The Commissioner of Human Services or the commissioner's designee is to serve as chairperson of the task force. The task force is to organize as soon as practicable following the appointment of its members and to select a vice-chairperson from among the members. The chairperson will appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the task force.

4) The Department of Human Services is to provide staff support to the task force.

5) The task force is to report its plan for ensuring the preservation of the original Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital main building to the Governor and the Legislature, no later than six months after the initial meeting of the task force.

6) The bill expires upon the issuance of the task force report.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2010-2011 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.