

# SENATE, No. 2038

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**SYNOPSIS**

Jaden's Law; requires DHSS to prepare online brochure about the option to donate bone marrow.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning bone marrow donation and designated as  
2 Jaden's Law, and supplementing 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. a. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall  
8 prepare an online brochure for display on the Internet website of the  
9 Department of Health and Senior Services, based upon information  
10 derived from the National Marrow Donor Program, or NMDP,  
11 which may be downloaded by physicians and utilized by the  
12 commissioner for the purposes of subsection c. of this section, and  
13 shall be designed to inform patients of the option to become a bone  
14 marrow or peripheral blood stem cell, or PBSC, donor by  
15 registering with the NMDP and to answer common questions about  
16 bone marrow and peripheral blood stem cell, or PBSC, donation.

17 b. The brochure shall describe:

18 (1) the health benefits to the community from making a bone  
19 marrow or PBSC donation through the NMDP;

20 (2) how to register with the NMDP;

21 (3) the procedures for making a bone marrow or PBSC donation  
22 through the NMDP, including notice that there is no charge to the  
23 donor or the donor's family for making the donation;

24 (4) the circumstances and procedures by which a patient may  
25 receive a transfusion of the patient's previously donated blood; and

26 (5) any other aspects of bone marrow or PBSC donation that the  
27 commissioner deems appropriate for the purposes of this act.

28 c. The commissioner, within the limits of resources available to  
29 the Department of Health and Senior Services for this purpose, shall  
30 seek to promote awareness among physicians and the general public  
31 in this State about the option to become a bone marrow or PBSC  
32 donor. In doing so, the commissioner shall consult with at least the  
33 following: the Medical Society of New Jersey, the Institute of  
34 Medicine and Public Health of New Jersey, the NMDP, and other  
35 organizations that are seeking to increase bone marrow and PBSC  
36 donation among various ethnic groups within the State in need of  
37 these donations.

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39 2. This act shall take effect on the 90th day following  
40 enactment.

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#### STATEMENT

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45 This bill, which is designated as Jaden's Law, is designed to  
46 promote awareness among patients of their option to become bone  
47 marrow and peripheral blood stem cell (PBSC) donors.

48 The bill provides specifically as follows:

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3 Department of Health and Senior Services, based upon  
4 information derived from the National Marrow Donor Program,  
5 or NMDP, which may be downloaded by physicians and utilized  
6 by the commissioner for the purposes of this bill, and is to be  
7 designed to inform patients of the option to become a bone  
8 marrow or PBSC donor by registering with the NMDP and to  
9 answer common questions about bone marrow and peripheral  
10 blood stem cell, or PBSC, donation.
- 11 • The brochure is to describe:
- 12 -- the health benefits to the community from making a bone  
13 marrow or PBSC donation through the NMDP;
- 14 -- how to register with the NMDP;
- 15 -- the procedures for making a bone marrow or PBSC donation  
16 through the NMDP, including notice that there is no charge to the  
17 donor or the donor's family for making the donation;
- 18 -- the circumstances and procedures by which a patient may  
19 receive a transfusion of the patient's previously donated blood; and  
20 -- any other aspects of bone marrow or PBSC donation that the  
21 commissioner deems appropriate for the purposes of the bill.
- 22 • The commissioner, within the limits of resources available to the  
23 Department of Health and Senior Services for this purpose, is to  
24 seek to promote awareness among physicians and the general  
25 public in this State about the option to become a bone marrow or  
26 PBSC donor. In doing so, the commissioner is to consult with at  
27 least the following: the Medical Society of New Jersey, the  
28 Institute of Medicine and Public Health of New Jersey, the  
29 NMDP, and other organizations that are seeking to increase bone  
30 marrow and PBSC donation among various ethnic groups within  
31 the State in need of these donations.
- 32 • The bill takes effect on the 90th day following enactment.