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SYNOPSIS

Creates registry of individuals who required medical assistance as result of misusing controlled dangerous substance.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning controlled dangerous substances and
2 supplementing Title 24 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 Human Services shall develop and
8 maintain a drug abuse and misuse registry, which shall be a
9 confidential registry of the names of individuals who required
10 medical assistance as a result of having misused a controlled
11 dangerous substance, which information shall be submitted to the
12 Commissioner by emergency medical response entities, hospitals,
13 and police departments. The Commissioner shall make the registry
14 accessible to healthcare practitioners, who shall be required to
15 access the system prior to prescribing any controlled dangerous
16 substance.

17 b. As used in this section:

18 "Emergency medical response entity" means an organization,
19 company, governmental entity, community-based program, or
20 healthcare system that provides pre-hospital emergency medical
21 services and assistance to opioid or heroin addicts or abusers in the
22 event of an overdose. "Emergency medical response entity"
23 includes, but is not limited to, a first aid, rescue and ambulance
24 squad or other basic life support ambulance provider; a mobile
25 intensive care provider or other advanced life support ambulance
26 provider; an air medical service provider; or a fire-fighting
27 company or organization, which squad, provider, company, or
28 organization is qualified to send paid or volunteer emergency
29 medical responders to the scene of an emergency.

30 "Health care practitioner" means a prescriber, pharmacist, or
31 other individual whose professional practice is regulated pursuant to
32 Title 45 of the Revised Statutes, and who, in accordance with the
33 practitioner's scope of professional practice, prescribes or dispenses
34 controlled dangerous substances.

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36 2. Names and individual identification data collected pursuant
37 to the provisions of this act shall not be disclosed by the
38 Commissioner of Health unless required by law, and nothing in this
39 act shall be construed to require disclosure of any private or
40 confidential health information in violation of State or federal
41 privacy laws.

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43 3. The Commissioner of Human Services shall report annually
44 any findings made pursuant to this act to the Governor and,
45 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the
46 Legislature.

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48 4. This act shall take effect 180 days after the date of
49 enactment.

STATEMENT

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