

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4737

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires de-identified patient data from electronic health records systems to be transmitted to DOH for analysis of Statewide health and disease trends.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning electronic health records systems and  
2 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. Each vendor that sells, leases, or licenses for use in the State  
8 an electronic health records system shall provide to the Department  
9 of Health de-identified data concerning patients receiving treatment  
10 in New Jersey, which data shall be used by the department to  
11 evaluate trends concerning disease, injury, illness, and other  
12 appropriate measures of public health in the State and develop  
13 programs and resources appropriate to those trends. Nothing in this  
14 section shall be construed to authorize the disclosure of any  
15 confidential patient information.

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17 2. The Commissioner of Health shall, pursuant to the  
18 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
19 seq.), adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the  
20 provisions of this act.

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22 3. This act shall take effect 30 days after the date of enactment.

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25 STATEMENT

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27 This bill requires vendors of electronic health records systems to  
28 provide to the Department of Health de-identified patient data,  
29 which the department is to use to evaluate trends concerning  
30 disease, injury, illness, and other measures of public health in the  
31 State, and develop programs and resources appropriate to those  
32 trends. Nothing in the bill will authorize the disclosure of any  
33 confidential patient information.

34 It is the sponsor’s belief that providing the department with  
35 increased access to the data collected by electronic health records  
36 systems will enable the department to better understand and respond  
37 to emerging health trends throughout the State.