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SYNOPSIS

Establishes "Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program Initiative" in DOH.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning violence intervention in hospitals 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. The Commissioner of Health shall establish the "Hospital-
8 Based Violence Intervention Program Initiative" in the department.
9 The commissioner shall develop and implement a comprehensive,
10 coordinated plan to create hospital-based violence intervention
11 programs, in which people recovering from violent injuries are
12 counseled by trained intervention specialists that offer long-term
13 case management, connection to community services, mentoring,
14 and follow-up assistance, in order to substantially reduce the risk of
15 violent re-injury and discourage the use of retaliatory violence. In
16 addition to any moneys appropriated by the Legislature, the
17 commissioner may seek money from the federal government,
18 private foundations, and any other source to fund this initiative, as
19 well as to fund on-going monitoring and evaluation of the programs
20 created through this initiative.

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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27 This bill requires the Commissioner of Health to establish the
28 "Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program Initiative." The
29 commissioner would develop and implement a comprehensive,
30 coordinated plan to create hospital-based violence intervention
31 programs, in which people recovering from violent injuries are
32 counseled by trained intervention specialists that offer long-term
33 case management, connection to community services, mentoring,
34 and follow-up assistance, in order to substantially reduce the risk of
35 violent re-injury and discourage the use of retaliatory violence. The
36 bill provides that, in addition to any moneys appropriated by the
37 Legislature, the commissioner may seek money from the federal
38 government, private foundations, and any other source to fund this
39 initiative, as well as to fund on-going monitoring and evaluation of
40 the programs created through this initiative.