ASSEMBLY, No. 5503

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

218th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS
Establishes open enrollment period under Individual Health Coverage Program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/10/2020)
AN ACT concerning open enrollment periods for certain health
et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
of New Jersey:

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule or
regulation to the contrary, the board of the New Jersey Individual
Health Coverage Program established pursuant to section 9 of
P.L.1992, c.161 (C.17B:27A-10) shall establish, by regulation, an
annual open enrollment period during which time individuals are
permitted to enroll in an individual health benefits plan and
individuals who already have coverage may replace current
coverage. During any plan year in which the State is on the
federally-facilitated exchange, the annual open enrollment period
shall conform to federal requirements, unless the State is permitted
to offer a longer open enrollment period. During any plan year in
which the State operates a State-based exchange, the open
enrollment period shall be set by New Jersey’s State-based
exchange and shall not be less than 90 days.

2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to
individual health benefits plans issued or renewed on or after that
date.

STATEMENT

This bill establishes one limited open enrollment period in the
New Jersey Individual Health Coverage Program. The bill provides
the open enrollment period to be set by the program’s board
consistent with federal law, unless the State operates a State-based
exchange, in which case the open enrollment period may be set by
the exchange.

The bill takes effect immediately and would apply to individual
health benefits plans issued or renewed on or after that date.