

ASSEMBLY, No. 126

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman JONES

1 AN ACT concerning family support for persons with a developmental
2 disability and amending P.L.1993, c.98.

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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. Section 3 of P.L.1993, c.98 (C.30:6D-35) is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 3. For the purposes of this act:

10 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

11 "Family member with a developmental disability" means a person
12 who has a developmental disability as defined pursuant to section 3 of
13 the "Division of Developmental Disabilities Act," P.L.1985, c.145
14 (C.30:6D-25).

15 "Family" means the family member with a developmental disability
16 and his parents [and], siblings, [or] spouse [and], children or
17 uncompensated caregiver.

18 "Family support services" means a coordinated system of ongoing
19 public and private support services which are designed to maintain and
20 enhance the quality of life of a family member with a developmental
21 disability and his family as set forth in section 4 of this act.

22 "Parent" means the biological or adoptive parent or uncompensated
23 foster parent or legal guardian who cares for the family member with
24 a developmental disability and with whom the family member with a
25 developmental disability resides.

26 "System" means the Family Support System established pursuant to
27 section 4 of this act.

28 "Uncompensated caregiver" means the person who gratuitously
29 resides with and cares for the family member with a developmental
30 disability, and includes, but is not limited to, a grandparent, step family
31 member, aunt, uncle, or cousin.

32 (cf: P.L.1993, c.98, s.3)

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This bill amends the "Family Support Act," P.L.1993, c.98
7 (C.30:6D-33 et seq.) by expanding the definition of "family" to include
8 an uncompensated caregiver who is not the parent, sibling, spouse or
9 child of the individual with the developmental disability.
10 "Uncompensated caregiver" includes, but is not limited to, a
11 grandparent, step family member, aunt, uncle, or cousin who
12 gratuitously resides with and cares for a family member with a
13 developmental disability.

14 These changes would allow uncompensated caregivers to receive
15 family support.

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20 Amends the "Family Support Act."