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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning the reporting of health care expenditures 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 Legislature finds and declares that the public interest
8 requires a full and complete reporting to the Governor and Legislature
9 ¹[on a continuous basis]¹ by the Department of Health ¹and Senior
10 Services¹ with regard to Statewide health care expenditures, based
11 upon required annual surveys, which will ensure that State efforts to
12 achieve health care expenditure savings are informed by the most
13 reliable current data and trends with respect to costs and the various
14 sources thereof in recognition of the importance of the health care
15 industry to this State and its impact on every citizen residing in New
16 Jersey.

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18 2. The Commissioner of Health ¹and Senior Services¹, in
19 conjunction with the Commissioners of Human Services, ¹Banking
20 and¹ Insurance, Commerce and Economic Development, and Labor,
21 and the Health Information Electronic Data Interchange Policy
22 ¹Advisory¹ Council established pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.)
23 (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. ¹50¹ or Assembly
24 Bill No. ¹1476¹ of 1996), shall present an annual report to the
25 Governor and the Legislature on Statewide health care expenditures
26 based upon a survey of health care facilities and providers, health
27 insurers, ¹insurers writing automobile insurance and workers'
28 compensation insurance¹, business and organized labor. The
29 Commissioner of Health ¹and Senior Services¹ may contract with an
30 independent agency or organization to conduct the survey and prepare

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AHL committee amendments adopted May 1, 1997.

1 the report.

2 The report shall include, at a minimum, the following: total health
3 care expenditures Statewide; a breakdown of public and private
4 expenditures and expenditures by type of health care service category,
5 paralleling national health care expenditure categories utilized by the
6 United States Health Care Financing Administration; a comparison of
7 expenditures by category from the previous annual report to the
8 current report; expenditure comparisons by category with the most
9 recent national health care expenditure data available; identified means
10 of achieving health care expenditure savings consistent with
11 maintaining health care quality and access to services; and any
12 recommendations for legislative or administrative action to effectuate
13 these savings.

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15 3. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services¹ shall include
16 in the report prepared pursuant to section 2 of this act ¹[detailed
17 financial]¹ information about administrative cost savings achieved by
18 acute care hospitals as a result of increased utilization of electronic
19 data interchange technology. The commissioner shall determine the
20 specific information to be included in the report in consultation with
21 the Health Information Electronic Data Interchange Policy Advisory¹
22 Council established pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.)(pending
23 before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. ¹50¹ or Assembly Bill No.
24 ¹1476¹ of 1996). The commissioner shall solicit and be entitled to
25 receive this information from each acute care hospital as part of the
26 survey conducted pursuant to section 2 of this act.

27 As used in this section, “electronic data interchange technology”
28 means computer equipment or software which permits the electronic
29 transmission of a business document in a standard format.

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31 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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36 Requires Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to report
37 annually to Governor and Legislature on health care expenditures in
38 NJ.