

ASSEMBLY, No. 2431

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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and Bucco

1 AN ACT concerning State psychiatric hospitals and supplementing
2 Title 30 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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8 the Assembly Community Services Committee, or its successor, shall
9 review the Department of Human Services' progress in implementing
10 the recommendations of the Senate Task Force on Greystone Park
11 Psychiatric Hospital in its final report issued in June, 1996.

12 The committees shall request the Commissioner of Human Services
13 to provide a status report on the actions taken by the department in
14 implementing the recommendations and other actions taken by the
15 department to address the problems identified in the task force report,
16 and if no action was taken on a recommendation, the reasons why the
17 department has not addressed the recommendation.

18 The review shall include a public hearing for State psychiatric
19 hospital patients and their families and employees, and for support
20 groups associated with the State psychiatric hospitals. The review
21 shall be conducted no later than one year after the effective date of this
22 act and biennially thereafter. Upon completion of the review, the
23 committees shall issue a report of their findings and recommendations
24 to the Commissioner of Human Services.

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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29 STATEMENT

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13 This bill is one of several legislative initiatives recommended in the
14 Final Report of the Senate Task Force on Greystone Park Psychiatric
15 Hospital issued in June, 1996.

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20 Requires Legislature to review DHS's progress in implementing
21 recommendations of the Senate Task Force on Greystone Psychiatric
22 Hospital.