

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 41

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION creating a Legislative commission to monitor  
2 the operation and reform of the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center.

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4 WHEREAS, The Legislature finds that significant shortcomings exist in this  
5 State's programs for the incarceration, treatment and safe management of  
6 repetitive and compulsive sexual offenders; and

7 WHEREAS, These shortcomings have contributed to the premature release of  
8 dangerous sexual offenders, who have received little or no effective  
9 treatment, into an unsuspecting public, where they have committed  
10 additional heinous crimes, all too frequently against children; and

11 WHEREAS, After identifying and analyzing the problems in the State's sexual  
12 offender programs, the Joint Legislative Task Force to Study the Adult  
13 Diagnostic and Treatment Center, has recommended measures to improve  
14 the operation of the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center, as well as the  
15 creation of an ongoing commission to monitor the implementation of its  
16 recommendations; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey  
19 (the Senate concurring):

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21 1. There is hereby established a commission to be known as the "Adult  
22 Diagnostic and Treatment Center Review Commission." The commission shall  
23 consist of six members to be appointed as follows: two members appointed  
24 by the President of the Senate, no more than one of whom shall be a member  
25 of the same political party; two members by the Speaker of the General  
26 Assembly, no more than one of whom shall be a member of the same political  
27 party; one public member appointed by the President of the Senate, and one  
28 public member appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly. The  
29 members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be  
30 reimbursed for necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of  
31 their duties. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in  
32 the same manner as the original appointments.

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2 same political party; two members by the Speaker of the General Assembly,  
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5 member appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly.

6 The commission would be responsible for monitoring the progress of the  
7 Department of Corrections in carrying out the changes recommended by the  
8 Joint Legislative Task Force to Study the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment  
9 Center and recommending such other changes as in its considered judgment  
10 may be required to effectuate the goals of the task force or to further improve  
11 State programs for the incarceration, treatment and safe management of sexual  
12 offenders, including the determination that the facility be closed.

13 The commission would report annually to the Governor and Legislature.  
14 The commission would expire on December 31 of the fourth year following its  
15 establishment.

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20 Creates commission to monitor ADTC.