

SENATE, No. 262

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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By Senators GIRGENTI and BASSANO

1 AN ACT concerning the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center and
2 supplementing chapter 47 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

7 1. Prior to entering into any contract with a private entity, pursuant
8 to the provisions of P.L. , c. (now pending before the Legislature
9 as Senate Bill No. of 1995 or Assembly Bill No. of 1995), to
10 provide for the treatment of persons committed to the Adult
11 Diagnostic and Treatment Center, the Department of Corrections shall
12 enter into an agreement or contract with a qualified consultant to
13 conduct a study of the treatment and services provided at the center
14 and to provide recommendations concerning the treatment and
15 services which should be provided at the center by a private entity and
16 the most effective and efficient methods of privatizing that treatment
17 and those services. The department also may request, as part of the
18 contract or agreement, that the recommendations include a list of the
19 private entities that the consultant deems capable and qualified to
20 provide such treatment and services at the center.

For the purposes of this act, a qualified consultant means a person who, by training or experience, is a recognized professional specializing in the psychological or psychiatric treatment and care of sex offenders or in the administration of such treatment and care in institutional settings.

27 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

32 This bill directs the Department of Corrections to conduct a study
33 of the treatment and services provided to the inmates of the Adult
34 Diagnostic and Treatment Center (ADTC) before entering into any

1 contract which would result in a private entity providing that treatment
2 and those services.

3 Under the provisions of the bill, the department is to hire a qualified
4 consultant to undertake a study of the treatment and services that are
5 provided at the center and to submit recommendations concerning the
6 treatment and services which should be provided and the most
7 effective and efficient methods of privatizing that treatment and those
8 services. The bill also permits the department to request, as part of
9 those recommendations, a list of private entities the consultant deems
10 qualified to provide treatment and services at the center.

11 The bill defines a qualified consultant as a person who, by training
12 or experience, is a recognized professional specializing the
13 psychological or psychiatric treatment and care of sex offenders or in
14 the administration of such treatment and care in institutional settings.

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19 Requires DOC study before entering into contract for privatization of
20 treatment at ADTC.