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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 53

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators BASSANO, MATHEUSSEN and Girgenti

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 Senate of the State of New Jersey (the General
19 Assembly 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 Assembly¹. The
29 public members shall, by experience or training, have professional expertise

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 Senate SLP committee amendments adopted March 14, 1996.

1 in correctional management, criminology, psychology or psychiatry¹. The
2 members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but ~~shall~~ may¹
3 be reimbursed for necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of
4 their duties to the extent that funds are made available for that purpose¹.
5 Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the same
6 manner as the original appointments.

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8 2. a. The commission shall organize as soon as practicable following the
9 appointment of its members and shall select a chairperson and
10 vice-chairperson from among the members. The chairperson shall appoint a
11 secretary who need not be a member of the commission.

12 b. The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself
13 of the services of the employees of any State, county, or municipal
14 department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it may require and as
15 may be available to it for its purposes. The commission shall further be entitled
16 to employ counsel and stenographic and clerical assistance and incur traveling
17 and other miscellaneous expenses as it may deem necessary to perform its
18 duties, within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available for
19 its purposes.

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21 3. The commission shall monitor the progress of the Department of
22 Corrections in carrying out the changes recommended by the Joint Legislative
23 Task Force to Study the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center and shall
24 recommend such other changes as in its considered judgment may be required
25 to effectuate the goals of the task force or to further improve State programs
26 for the incarceration, treatment and safe management of sexual offenders.

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28 4. The commission shall annually report to the Legislature and the
29 Governor concerning the progress of efforts to reform sexual offender
30 programs and shall include in the report its recommendations for continued
31 improvements, along with any recommended legislation.

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33 5. The commission shall expire on the 31st day of December in the fourth
34 year following its organization.

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Creates commission to monitor ADTC.