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#### **SYNOPSIS**

Requires Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development to design and make available to public webpage with employment information for individuals with disabilities.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



#### A1016 DOWNEY, HOUGHTALING

1	AN ACT creating a webpage with employment information for
2	individuals with disabilities and supplementing chapter 1 of Title
3	34 of the Revised Statutes.

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

- 1. a. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development shall design and make available to the public on the department's website an interactive webpage to deliver, collect, and share employment information for individuals with disabilities in a form that meets applicable government standards for accessibility. The commissioner shall design and promote the webpage as a "one-stop source" for accurate and reliable information to the public and employers in the State. Prior to launching the webpage, the commissioner shall subject the webpage to rigorous accessibility testing. The webpage shall be designed and made public no later than two years after the effective date of this act, and shall be updated as needed to reflect current information and law.
  - b. The webpage shall:
- (1) provide information that complements and relates to any federal or State public awareness campaign hosting information aimed at the disability and employer communities, and the general public;
- (2) function as a repository and dissemination center for materials and effective practices;
- (3) include an email inquiry system to respond to online information queries; and
- (4) disseminate existing mainstream information and links to websites regarding employment and career pathways to facilitate knowledge of work and about the availability of mainstream employment systems.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

#### **STATEMENT**

This bill requires the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development to design and make available to the public a webpage with employment information related to individuals with disabilities.

The commissioner is required to design and promote the webpage as a "one-stop source" for accurate and reliable information to the public and employers in the State. Prior to launching the webpage, the commissioner is required to rigorously test the webpage for accessibility.

The webpage will:

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