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SYNOPSIS

Increases maximum number of monthly respite care service hours funded through DCF for certain families.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Women and Children Committee on June 16, 2021, with amendments.



1 AN ACT concerning respite care and supplementing Title 30 of the
2 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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7 1. ¹**[As used in this act:**

8 "Respite care" means the provision of temporary, short-term care
9 for, or the supervision of, an eligible child on behalf of the
10 caregiver, in emergencies or on an intermittent basis to relieve the
11 daily stresses and demands of caring for a child with a functional
12 impairment. Respite care may be provided hourly, daily, overnight,
13 or on weekends, may be paid or volunteer, but may not exceed
14 service and cost limitations as determined by the Commissioner of
15 Children and Families.

16 b. The family of a child that is eligible to receive respite care
17 services for the child, which services are funded through the
18 Division of the Children's System of Care in the Department of
19 Children and Families,**]**

20 a. The family of a child eligible to receive respite care services
21 for the child, funded through the Children's System of Care in the
22 Department of Children and Families,¹ shall be eligible to receive
23 no more than 30 hours of respite care each calendar month
24 ¹**[through funding provided by the department]**¹.

25 ¹**[c.] b.**¹ The Commissioner of Children and Families shall use
26 available State and federal funds to effectuate the provisions of
27 subsection ¹**[b.] a.**¹ of this section.

28 ¹c. As used in this act, "respite care" means the provision of
29 temporary, short-term care for, or the supervision of, an eligible
30 child on behalf of the caregiver, in emergencies or on an
31 intermittent basis to relieve the daily stresses and demands of caring
32 for a child with a functional impairment. Respite care may be
33 provided hourly, daily, overnight, or on weekends, may be paid or
34 volunteer, but may not exceed service and cost limitations as
35 determined by the Commissioner of Children and Families.¹

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37 2. The Commissioner of Children and Families shall adopt
38 rules and regulations, in accordance with the "Administrative
39 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are
40 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

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42 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AWC committee amendments adopted June 16, 2021.