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SENATE:	No

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P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 4, *approved January 30, 2025*
Senate, No. 720 (*First Reprint*)

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34 (cf: P.L.1974, c.119, s.38)

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Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SHH committee amendments adopted March 14, 2024.

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Approved January 30, 2025.

SENATE, No. 720

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator RENEE C. BURGESS

District 28 (Essex and Union)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Johnson

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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District 18 (Middlesex)

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**Senators Johnson, Schepisi, McKnight, Ruiz, Assemblyman Simonsen,
Assemblywoman Hall, Assemblymen Scharfenberger, Freiman,
Assemblywomen Drulis, Speight, Assemblyman Wimberly,
Assemblywomen Donlon and Peterpaul**

SYNOPSIS

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As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on March 14, 2024, with amendments.

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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 720

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 21, 2024

The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 720 (1R).

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 720 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4168, which was also reported by the committee on this date.

Under current law, if the court finds that a person who has abused or neglected a child appears to be in need of therapeutic services, the court may order the person to accept such services or an evaluation for services. The services ordered by the court may include, but are not limited to, homemaker services, functional education, and professional therapy.

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SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 720

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 14, 2024

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 720.

Under current law, if the court finds that a person who has abused or neglected a child appears to be in need of therapeutic services, the court may order the person to accept such services or an evaluation for services. The services ordered by the court may include, but are not limited to, homemaker services, functional education, and professional therapy.

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This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments revise the bill to more broadly reference the services provided by the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) in the Department of Human Services. As introduced, the bill specifically referenced therapeutic services provided by DDD.

The committee amendments make a technical change to correct formatting.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4168

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED APRIL 8, 2024

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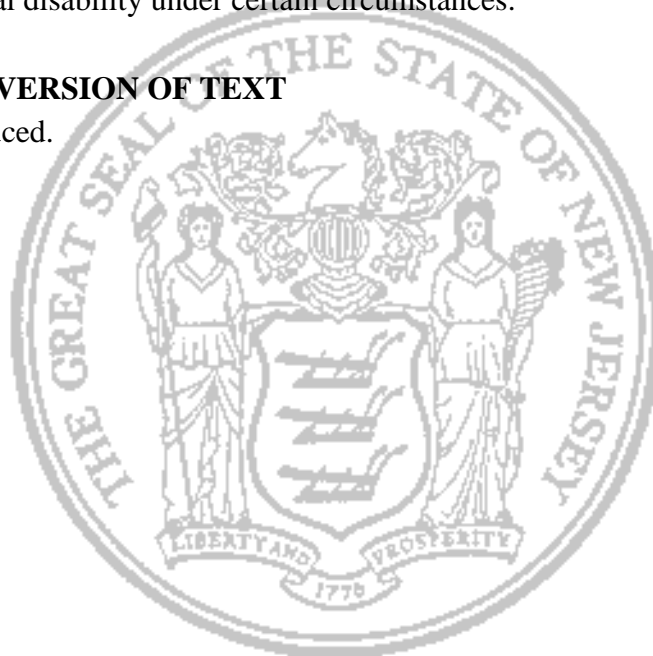
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Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/30/2025

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

S-684/A-2334 (Singer, Diegnan/Tully, Swain, Sampson) - Requires telecommunications, cable television, and Internet service providers to allow for service contracts to be paused or canceled following service recipient's admission to long-term care facility

S-720/A-4168 (Burgess, Vitale/Reynolds-Jackson, Atkins, Stanley) - Requires DCPD to consult with Division of Developmental Disabilities following finding of child abuse or neglect to create services plan for person with developmental disability under certain circumstances

S-2331/A-3517 (Ruiz, Vitale/Speight, McCoy, Haider) - "Equitable Outcomes in Child Support Collection Act"; establishes procedures regarding collection of child support on behalf of children in custody of DCPD

S-3179/A-2941 (Cryan/Schaer, Wimberly) - Concerns certain emergency operations plans required to be submitted to law enforcement agencies

S-3308/A-4513 (Scutari, Greenstein/Speight, Karabinchak, Wimberly) - Requires electric public utilities to implement certain improvements to interconnection process for certain grid supply solar facilities and energy storage facilities

S-3879/A-5123 (Timberlake/Morales, Carter, Miller) - Amends lists of projects eligible to receive loans for environmental infrastructure projects from NJ Infrastructure Bank for FY2025

S-3880/A-5124 (Lagana/Swain, Park, Freiman) - Amends list of hazard mitigation and resilience projects approved for funding by NJ Infrastructure Bank under FY2025 Community Hazard Assistance Mitigation Program

S-3881/A-5122 (Cruz-Perez, Beach/Rodriguez, Bailey, Bagolie) - Amends lists of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding by DEP under FY2025 environmental infrastructure funding program

S-3921/A-5090 (Sarlo/Calabrese) - Reallocates standardbred horse racing purse subsidies from Freehold Raceway to Meadowlands Racetrack under certain circumstances

S-3922/A-5120 (Zwicker, Turner/Peterpaul, Verrelli, Moen) - Appropriates \$18,518,738 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

S-3936/A-5119 (Singleton, Johnson/Drulis, Sampson, Murphy) - Appropriates \$60 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

SJR-76/AJR-101 (Ruiz, Turner/Lampitt, Matsikoudis, Rodriguez) - Designates second Friday in December of each

year as “PSRPs in Our Schools Day” in New Jersey to recognize contributions of paraprofessionals and school-related personnel (PSRPs)

A-4571/S-3472 (Calabrese, Lopez, Verrelli/Zwicker, Johnson) - Makes various changes to powers and duties of NJ Infrastructure Bank

A-4968/S-3839 (Calabrese, Carter/Diegnan, Mukherji) - Modifies list of transportation infrastructure projects eligible to receive loans from NJ Infrastructure Bank for FY2025

A-5121/S-3943 (Katz, Egan, Collazos-Gill/Vitale, Diegnan) - Appropriates \$49.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and Green Acres Program administrative costs