

9:6-8.104

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A3835

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COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

SENATE: Yes

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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SPONSORS STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 of original bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3835

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 8, 2001

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman RICK MERKT

District 25 (Morris)

Assemblyman JOSEPH PENNACCHIO

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Bucco

SYNOPSIS

Expands membership of county multidisciplinary teams to include representatives of child advocacy centers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/18/2001)

A3835 MERKT, PENNACCHIO

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1 AN ACT concerning county-based multidisciplinary teams and
2 amending P.L. 1998, c.19.

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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. Section 6 of P.L.1998, c. 19 (C.9:6-8.104) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 6. Regional centers shall act as a resource in the establishment and
10 maintenance of county-based multidisciplinary teams which work in
11 conjunction with the county prosecutor and the Division of Youth and
12 Family Services in the investigation of child abuse and neglect in the
13 county in which the child who is undergoing evaluation and treatment
14 resides. The Commissioner of Human Services, in consultation with
15 the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, shall establish
16 standards for a county team. The county team shall consist of
17 representatives of the following disciplines: law enforcement; child
18 protective services; mental health; substance abuse identification and
19 treatment; and medicine; and, in those counties where a child advocacy
20 center has been established, shall include a staff representative of a
21 child advocacy center, all of whom have been trained to recognize
22 child abuse and neglect. The county team shall provide: facilitation of
23 the investigation, management and disposition of cases of criminal
24 child abuse and neglect; referral services to the regional diagnostic
25 center; appropriate referrals to medical and social service agencies;
26 information regarding the identification and treatment of child abuse
27 and neglect; and appropriate follow-up care for abused children and
28 their families.

29 As used in this section, "child advocacy center" means a county-
30 based center which meets the standards for a county team established
31 by the commissioner pursuant to this section and demonstrates a
32 multidisciplinary approach in providing comprehensive, culturally
33 competent child abuse prevention, intervention and treatment services
34 to children who are victims of child abuse or neglect.

35 (cf: P.L.1998, c.19, s.6)

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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42 This bill amends N.J.S.A.9:6-8.104 to expand the membership of a
43 county-based multidisciplinary team to include a staff representative

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2 center has been established. The bill defines a "child advocacy center"
3 as a county-based center which meets the standards for a
4 multidisciplinary team established by the Commissioner of Human
5 Services and demonstrates a multidisciplinary approach in providing
6 comprehensive, culturally competent child abuse prevention,
7 intervention and treatment services to children who are victims of child
8 abuse or neglect. Under current law, a multidisciplinary team consists
9 of representatives from the disciplines of law enforcement, child
10 protective services, mental health, substance abuse identification and
11 treatment, and medicine.

ASSEMBLY SENIOR ISSUES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3835

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 19, 2001

The Assembly Senior Issues and Community Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3835.

This bill amends N.J.S.A.9:6-8.104 to expand the membership of a county-based multidisciplinary team to include a staff representative of a child advocacy center in those counties where a child advocacy center has been established. The bill defines a "child advocacy center" as a county-based center which meets the standards for a multidisciplinary team established by the Commissioner of Human Services and demonstrates a multidisciplinary approach in providing comprehensive, culturally competent child abuse prevention, intervention and treatment services to children who are victims of child abuse or neglect. Under current law, a multidisciplinary team consists of representatives from the disciplines of law enforcement, child protective services, mental health, substance abuse identification and treatment, and medicine.

SENATE WOMEN'S ISSUES, CHILDREN AND FAMILY
SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3835

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 13, 2001

The Senate Women's Issues, Children and Family Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3835.

This bill amends N.J.S.A.9:6-8.104 to expand the membership of a county-based multidisciplinary team to include a staff representative of a child advocacy center in those counties where a child advocacy center has been established. The bill defines a "child advocacy center" as a county-based center which meets the standards for a multidisciplinary team established by the Commissioner of Human Services and demonstrates a multidisciplinary approach in providing comprehensive, culturally competent child abuse prevention, intervention and treatment services to children who are victims of child abuse or neglect. Under current law, a multidisciplinary team consists of representatives from the disciplines of law enforcement, child protective services, mental health, substance abuse identification and treatment, and medicine.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2550 SCA (Bucco), which the committee also reported on this date.

SENATE, No. 2550

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 3, 2001

Sponsored by:

Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris)

SYNOPSIS

Expands membership of county multidisciplinary teams to include representatives of child advocacy centers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



S2550 BUCCO

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15 the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, shall establish
16 standards for a county team. The county team shall consist of
17 representatives of the following disciplines: law enforcement; child
18 protective services; mental health; substance abuse identification and
19 treatment; and medicine; and may include a representative of a child
20 advocacy center, all of whom have been trained to recognize child
21 abuse and neglect. The county team shall provide: facilitation of the
22 investigation, management and disposition of cases of criminal child
23 abuse and neglect; referral services to the regional diagnostic center;
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SENATE WOMEN'S ISSUES, CHILDREN AND FAMILY
SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2550

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 13, 2001

The Senate Women's Issues, Children and Family Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2550.

As amended by the committee, this bill amends N.J.S.A.9:6-8.104 to expand the membership of a county-based multidisciplinary team to include a staff representative of a child advocacy center in those counties where a child advocacy center has been established. The bill defines a "child advocacy center" as a county-based center which meets the standards for a multidisciplinary team established by the Commissioner of Human Services and demonstrates a multidisciplinary approach in providing comprehensive, culturally competent child abuse prevention, intervention and treatment services to children who are victims of child abuse or neglect. Under current law, a multidisciplinary team consists of representatives from the disciplines of law enforcement, child protective services, mental health, substance abuse identification and treatment, and medicine.

The committee amended the bill to specifically provide that a county-based multidisciplinary team shall include a staff representative of a child advocacy center in those counties where a child advocacy center has been established.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3835 (Merkt/Pennacchio), which the committee also reported on this date.

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 2550

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 3, 2001

Sponsored by:

Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris)

SYNOPSIS

Expands membership of county multidisciplinary teams to include representatives of child advocacy centers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Women's Issues, Children and Family Services Committee on December 13, 2001, with amendments.



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17 representatives of the following disciplines: law enforcement; child
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Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SWF committee amendments adopted December 13, 2001.

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 344, *approved January 5, 2002*

Assembly, No. 3835

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CHAPTER 344

AN ACT concerning county-based multidisciplinary teams and amending P.L. 1998, c.19.

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

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C.9:6-8.104 Establishment, maintenance of county-based multidisciplinary teams; "child advocacy center" defined.

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Approved January 5, 2002.