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# SENATE, No. 1041

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2016

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DHS to develop timeline for use by individuals with developmental disabilities to gain benefit of State and federal programs; requires posting timeline on DHS, DCF, and DOE websites.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/21/2016)

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1 AN ACT concerning individuals with developmental disabilities,  
2 supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes and Title 18A of  
3 the New Jersey Statutes, and amending P.L.2006, c.47.

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

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8 1. (New section) a. The Commissioner of Human Services, or  
9 the commissioner's designee, in consultation with the Commissioner  
10 of Children and Families, the Commissioner of Community Affairs,  
11 the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Labor and  
12 Workforce Development, and the Commissioner of Transportation,  
13 or their designees, shall develop a timeline that lists activities that  
14 an individual with a developmental disability may engage in, at a  
15 certain age or range of ages, in order to gain the benefit of a State or  
16 federal program or fulfill an obligation, as applicable. The timeline  
17 shall be arranged by age, as appropriate, and include information  
18 about where to access information about the activity, if applicable.

19 b. The activities to be included on the timeline developed  
20 pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall include, but not be  
21 limited to:

22 (1) applying for adult services for individuals with  
23 developmental disabilities;

24 (2) determining if guardianship is necessary and the type of  
25 guardianship services appropriate for the individual;

26 (3) applying for assistance from State or federal housing  
27 programs;

28 (4) applying for benefits from the federal Social Security  
29 Administration;

30 (5) applying for benefits under the "Personal Assistance  
31 Services Act," P.L.1987, c.350 (C.30:4G-13 et seq.);

32 (6) if male, registering with the federal Selective Service  
33 System;

34 (7) applying for financial aid for admission to institutions of  
35 higher education;

36 (8) applying for employment or for assistance with job searches;  
37 and

38 (9) contacting the Department of Transportation to learn about  
39 transportation services for individuals with developmental  
40 disabilities.

41 c. The Commissioner of Human Services shall: post the  
42 timeline developed pursuant to this section on the official website  
43 of the Department of Human Services; share the timeline with the  
44 Commissioner of Education and Commissioner of Children and

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1 Families; and update the timeline as new information becomes  
2 available.

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4 2. (New section) The Commissioner of Education shall post the  
5 timeline developed pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
6 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) on the official website  
7 of the Department of Education.

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9 3. Section 7 of P.L.2006, c.47 (C.9:3A-7) is amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 7. The commissioner, as administrator and chief executive  
12 officer of the department, shall:

13 a. Administer the work of the department;

14 b. Appoint and remove officers and other personnel employed  
15 within the department, subject to the provisions of Title 11A of the  
16 New Jersey Statutes, Civil Service, and other applicable statutes,  
17 except as herein otherwise specifically provided;

18 c. Appoint such deputy and assistant commissioners, directors  
19 and other personnel in the unclassified service as the commissioner  
20 deems appropriate to receive such compensation as may be  
21 provided by law;

22 d. Perform, exercise and discharge the functions, powers and  
23 duties of the department through such divisions as may be  
24 established by this act or otherwise by law;

25 e. Organize the work of the department in such divisions, not  
26 inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and in such other  
27 organizational units as he may determine to be necessary for  
28 efficient and effective operation;

29 f. Adopt, issue and promulgate, in the name of the department,  
30 such rules and regulations as may be authorized by law, consistent  
31 with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
32 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.);

33 g. Formulate and adopt rules and regulations for the efficient  
34 conduct of the work and general administration of the department,  
35 its officers and employees;

36 h. Institute or cause to be instituted such legal proceedings or  
37 processes as may be necessary to enforce and give effect to any of  
38 his powers or duties;

39 i. Make such reports of the department's operation as the  
40 Governor or the Legislature shall from time to time request, or as  
41 may be required by law;

42 j. Coordinate the activities of the department, and the several  
43 divisions and other agencies therein, in a manner designed to  
44 eliminate overlapping and duplicating functions;

45 k. Integrate within the department, so far as practicable, all  
46 staff services of the department and of the several divisions and  
47 other agencies therein;

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- 1 l. Maintain suitable headquarters for the department and such  
2 other quarters as are necessary to the proper functioning of the  
3 department;
- 4 m. Solicit, apply for, and accept on behalf of the State any  
5 contributions, donations of money, goods, services, real or personal  
6 property or grants from the federal government or any agency  
7 thereof, or from any foundation, corporation, association or  
8 individual, and comply with the terms, conditions and limitations  
9 thereof, for any of the purposes of the department;
- 10 n. Enter into contracts and agreements with public and private  
11 entities, as may be appropriate to carry out the purposes of the  
12 department;
- 13 o. Be the request officer for the department within the meaning  
14 of such term as defined in P.L.1944, c.112 (C.52:27B-1 et seq.);  
15 **[and]**
- 16 p. Perform such other functions as may be prescribed in this act  
17 or by any other law; and
- 18 q. Post the timeline developed pursuant to section 1 of P.L. ,  
19 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) on the  
20 official website of the department.  
21 (cf: P.L.2006, c.47, s.7)

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23 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh  
24 month next following the date of enactment.  
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27 STATEMENT  
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29 This bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services, or the  
30 commissioner's designee, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
31 Children and Families, the Commissioner of Community Affairs,  
32 the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Labor and  
33 Workforce Development, and the Commissioner of Transportation,  
34 or their designees, to develop a timeline that lists activities that an  
35 individual with a developmental disability may engage in, at a  
36 certain age or range of ages, in order to gain the benefit of a State or  
37 federal program or fulfill an obligation, as applicable. The timeline  
38 is to be arranged by age and include information about where to  
39 access information about the activity. The Commissioners of  
40 Human Services, Children and Families, and Education are required  
41 to post the timeline on their websites.

42 Activities to be included on the timeline include, but are not  
43 limited to: applying for adult services for individuals with  
44 developmental disabilities; determining if guardianship is necessary  
45 and the type of guardianship services appropriate for the individual;  
46 applying for assistance from State or federal housing programs;  
47 applying for benefits from the federal Social Security  
48 Administration; applying for benefits under the "Personal

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1 Assistance Services Act," P.L.1987, c.350 (C.30:4G-13 et seq.); if  
2 male, registering with the federal Selective Service System;  
3 applying for financial aid for admission to institutions of higher  
4 education; applying for employment or assistance with job searches;  
5 and contacting the Department of Transportation to learn about  
6 transportation services for individuals with developmental  
7 disabilities.

P.L.2016, CHAPTER 72, *approved December 5, 2016*  
Senate, No. 1041

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27 programs;

28 (4) applying for benefits from the federal Social Security  
29 Administration;

30 (5) applying for benefits under the "Personal Assistance  
31 Services Act," P.L.1987, c.350 (C.30:4G-13 et seq.);

32 (6) if male, registering with the federal Selective Service  
33 System;

34 (7) applying for financial aid for admission to institutions of  
35 higher education;

36 (8) applying for employment or for assistance with job searches;  
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1 (9) contacting the Department of Transportation to learn about  
2 transportation services for individuals with developmental  
3 disabilities.

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5 timeline developed pursuant to this section on the official website  
6 of the Department of Human Services; share the timeline with the  
7 Commissioner of Education and Commissioner of Children and  
8 Families; and update the timeline as new information becomes  
9 available.

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11 2. (New section) The Commissioner of Education shall post the  
12 timeline developed pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
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14 of the Department of Education.

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23 New Jersey Statutes, Civil Service, and other applicable statutes,  
24 except as herein otherwise specifically provided;

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27 deems appropriate to receive such compensation as may be  
28 provided by law;

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33 inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and in such other  
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- 1 j. Coordinate the activities of the department, and the several  
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- 4 k. Integrate within the department, so far as practicable, all  
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18 department;
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20 of such term as defined in P.L.1944, c.112 (C.52:27B-1 et seq.);  
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23 or by any other law; and
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22 websites.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1041**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 7, 2016

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1041.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services, or the commissioner's designee, in consultation with the Commissioner of Children and Families, the Commissioner of Community Affairs, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Commissioner of Transportation, or their designees, to develop a timeline that lists activities that an individual with a developmental disability may engage in, at a certain age or range of ages, in order to gain the benefit of a State or federal program or fulfill an obligation, as applicable. The timeline is to be arranged by age and include information about where to access information about the activity. The Commissioners of Human Services, Children and Families, and Education are required to post the timeline on their websites.

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 1449

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman PAMELA R. LAMPITT**

**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)**

**Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

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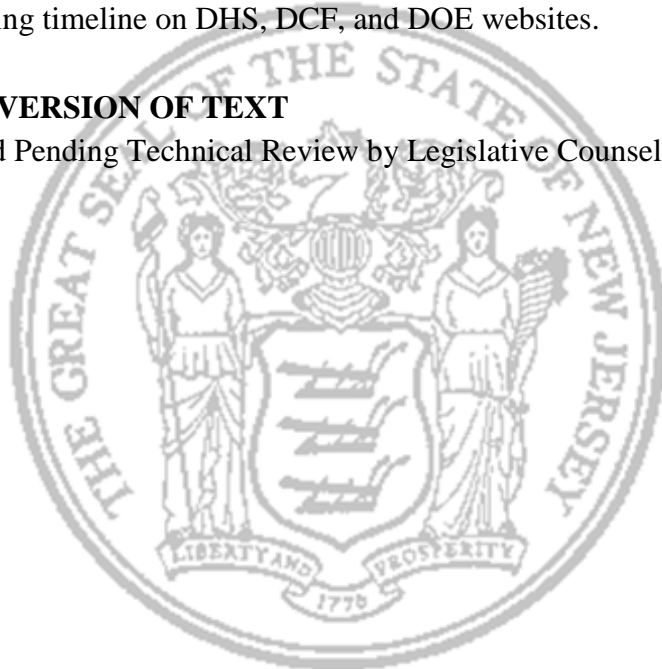
**Assemblywoman Mosquera**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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2 and contacting the Department of Transportation to learn about  
3 transportation services for individuals with developmental  
4 disabilities.

# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 1449

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 4, 2016

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1449.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services, or the commissioner's designee, in consultation with the Commissioner of Children and Families, the Commissioner of Community Affairs, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Commissioner of Transportation, or their designees, to develop a timeline that lists activities that an individual with a developmental disability may engage in, at a certain age or range of ages, in order to gain the benefit of a State or federal program or fulfill an obligation, as applicable. The timeline is to be arranged by age and include information about where to access information about the activity. The Commissioners of Human Services, Children and Families, and Education are required to post the timeline on their websites.

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#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services estimates that this bill may have a minimal administrative cost to the Department of Human Services for the research, compilation, and publication of the information required to be collected and distributed pursuant to the bill. However, the costs to perform these tasks will most likely be funded within current administrative appropriations.

Additionally, the bill may result in greater awareness of available programs for individuals with developmental disabilities and may increase enrollment in, and expenditures for, these programs, but it is not possible to quantify this effect.

# ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 1449

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1449.

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Activities to be included on the timeline include, but are not limited to: applying for adult services for individuals with developmental disabilities; determining if guardianship is necessary and the type of guardianship services appropriate for the individual; applying for assistance from State or federal housing programs; applying for benefits from the federal Social Security Administration; applying for benefits under the "Personal Assistance Services Act," P.L.1987, c.350 (C.30:4G-13 et seq.); if male, registering with the federal Selective Service System; applying for financial aid for admission to institutions of higher education; applying for employment or assistance with job searches; and contacting the Department of Transportation to learn about transportation services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2016-2017 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1449**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**217th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: APRIL 7, 2016

**SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Requires DHS to develop timeline for use by individuals with developmental disabilities to gain benefit of State and federal programs; requires posting timeline on DHS, DCF, and DOE websites.
- Type of Impact:** Minimal to no impact.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Human Services

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1 to Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	Minimal to no impact

- The Office of Legislative Services estimates that this bill may have a minimal administrative cost to the Department of Human Services for the research, compilation, and publication of the information required to be collected and distributed pursuant to the bill. However, the costs to perform these tasks will most likely be funded within current administrative appropriations.
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**BILL DESCRIPTION**

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

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The department will need to research all available programs throughout the Executive Branch and conduct outreach to both federal and State departments. Once the research is conducted the information will need to be compiled into a user friendly format and published on the internet. As programs change, they will need to be updated and that information kept current on the timeline. All of these tasks will require staff time and may result in additional duties for a staff person. It cannot be determined if the department will hire any additional staff or if the tasks will be added to a current employee's duties. However, any additional costs to perform these tasks will be administrative and will most likely be funded within current administrative appropriations.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

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## Governor Chris Christie Signs Legislation Strengthening New Jersey Residents' Security

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### State of New Jersey OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

#### *Takes Action on Pending Legislation*

**Trenton, NJ** – Governor Chris Christie today signed a package of legislation designed to make New Jerseyans safer. The measures include requirements for schools to conduct yearly security training alongside first responders (A-3349/S-2438) and that existing and any new school architectural plans include certain security measures (A-3348/S-2439). Additionally, A-1946/S-1257 expands domestic violence statutes to include cyber-harassment.

"We must make every effort to ensure New Jersey citizens are safe and secure whether they are in their school buildings or online," said Governor Christie. "These new laws will require safety measures to be built into new school construction and all school personnel to be trained annually on safety and security. Additionally, I have signed a bill to address one of the fastest growing threats we face in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, cyber-harassment. This new law will help victims of domestic violence whose abusers choose to attack through the web and social media outlets."

Governor Chris Christie also took action on the following legislation:

#### **BILL SIGNINGS:**

**S-384/A-3470 (Greenstein/Johnson)** - Requires correctional facilities to provide inmates with prescription medication that was prescribed for chronic conditions existing prior to incarceration

**S-743/ACS for A-2761 (Beach, Sarlo, Ruiz/Mazzeo, Zwicker, Jasey, Vainieri Huttle, Schaer, Jones, Eustace, Land, Gusciora, Andrzejczak, Downey, Houghtaling, Benson, Mukherji, McKeon, Lampitt)** - Directs Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to forgive certain student loans in the event of student borrower's death or total and permanent disability and grant deferment for temporary total disability

**S-1041/A-1449 (Weinberg, Gordon/Lampitt, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Tucker, Wimberly, Downey)** - Requires DHS to develop timeline for use by individuals with developmental disabilities to gain benefit of State and federal programs; requires posting timeline on DHS, DCF, and DOE websites

**S-2024/A-3793 (Madden, Oroho/Eustace, Peterson, Conaway, Mukherji, Benson, McKnight)** - Clarifies that product approval from U.S. Food and Drug Administration is not required for drug manufacturer to file registration statement, and specifies timeframe by which DOH must review registration statements

**S-2337/A-3985 (Sacco, Allen/Jimenez, O'Scanlon, Mukherji, Benson, Peterson)** - Permits law enforcement agencies to buy firearms directly from manufacturers; clarifies permits and identification cards not required

**S-2338/A-3914 (Whelan, Stack/Mazzeo)** - Allows existing rural development areas zoned for industrial use under pinelands comprehensive management plan to be included as eligible areas under certain business incentive programs

**A-1878/S-2404 (Wimberly/Rice)** - Increases to under \$15,000 from under \$10,000 amount of permitted annual compensation paid to TPAF retiree reemployed as athletic coach by former school district within 180 days of

retirement

**A-2519/S-1152 (DeAngelo, Holley, Mazzeo, Downey, McKnight/Greenstein, Beach)** - Directs Attorney General to develop plan to disseminate Amber and Silver Alert information through social media

**A-3662/S-2374 (Schaer, Caride, Vainieri Huttie, Mukherji, McKnight, Chiaravalloti, Quijano/Weinberg, Pou)** – "Rosa-Bonilla Family Act"; concerns development of carbon monoxide poisoning educational program for drivers

**A-3748/S-2115 (DeAngelo, Eustace, Mukherji, Holley, Benson, Beach/Cruz-Perez)** - Requires DMVA to create registry for organizations providing services to veterans

**AJR-23/SJR-30 (Andrzejczak, Land, Wimberly, Taliaferro/Van Drew)** - Designates third weekend in October each year as "Shuck, Sip, and Slurp Weekend" to promote NJ oysters, wine, and beer

**AJR-24/SJR-36 (Andrzejczak, Houghtaling/Van Drew, Connors)** - Declares aquaculture an important State economic driver and urges State to include aquaculture industry in its economic development plans

**AJR-25/SJR-14 (Land, Andrzejczak/Van Drew)** - Recognizes Delaware Bayshore as region of special significance in NJ

**AJR-98 (Space, Taliaferro)** - Designates June of each year as "Native Plant Appreciation Month"

#### **BILLS VETOED:**

**S-51/A-547 (Lesniak, Cunningham/Pinkin, Sumter, Vainieri Huttie, Gusciora, Muolo) – ABSOLUTE** - Restricts use of isolated confinement in correctional facilities

**S-92/A-2815 (Whelan/Mosquera, Jones, DeAngelo, Mazzeo, Johnson, Houghtaling) – CONDITIONAL** - Revises "Overseas Residents Absentee Voting Law" to mirror federal law; permits overseas voters to vote in any election; permits use of federal write-in absentee ballot to vote, register or request ballot for all elections

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