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"Lawmakers call to increase safe haven role after," Burlington County Times, January 21, 2015

LAW

P.L.2015, CHAPTER 82, *approved August 10, 2015*  
Senate, No. 122 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the protection of newborn infants and  
2 amending P.L.2000, c.58 and P.L.1991, c.275.

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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 4 of P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.7) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 4. a. If a person voluntarily delivers a child who is or appears  
10 to be no more than 30 days old to, and leaves the child <sup>1</sup>with an  
11 adult employee<sup>1</sup> at:

12 (1) a State, county, or municipal police station and does not  
13 express an intent to return for the child, a State, county, or  
14 municipal police officer shall take the child to the emergency  
15 department of a licensed general hospital in this State and the  
16 hospital shall proceed as specified in subsection b. of this section;

17 (2) <sup>1</sup>**["the premises of"]**<sup>1</sup> a fire station of a municipal, county, fire  
18 district, or volunteer fire department that is staffed 24 hours a day,  
19 seven days a week, and does not express an intent to return for the  
20 child, a fire fighter shall take the child to the emergency department  
21 of a licensed general hospital in this State, and the hospital shall  
22 proceed as specified in subsection b. of this section; or

23 (3) <sup>1</sup>**["the premises of"]**<sup>1</sup> a public or private ambulance, first aid,  
24 or rescue squad that is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week,  
25 and does not express an intent to return for the child, an emergency  
26 medical technician, or another squad member if an emergency  
27 medical technician is not available, shall take the child to the  
28 emergency department of a licensed general hospital in this State,  
29 and the hospital shall proceed as specified in subsection b. of this  
30 section.

31 b. If a person voluntarily delivers a child who is or appears to  
32 be no more than 30 days old to, and leaves the child at an  
33 emergency department of a licensed general hospital in this State  
34 and does not express an intent to return for the child, or, if a State,  
35 county, or municipal police officer, a fire fighter, or a member of a  
36 public or private ambulance, first aid, or rescue squad brings a child  
37 to a licensed general hospital under the circumstances set forth in  
38 subsection a. of this section, the hospital shall:

39 (1) take possession of the child without a court order;

40 (2) take any action or provide any treatment necessary to protect  
41 the child's physical health and safety; and

42 (3) no later than the first business day after taking possession of  
43 the child, notify the Division of **["Youth and Family Services"]** Child  
44 Protection and Permanency in the Department of Children and  
45 Families that the hospital has taken possession of the child.

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SHH committee amendments adopted January 27, 2014.

1 c. The <sup>1</sup>【Division of】<sup>1</sup> Division of 【Youth and Family  
2 Services】 Child Protection and Permanency shall assume the care,  
3 custody, and control of the child immediately upon receipt of notice  
4 from a licensed general hospital pursuant to paragraph (3) of  
5 subsection b. of this section. The division shall commence a  
6 thorough search of all listings of missing children to ensure that the  
7 relinquished child has not been reported missing.

8 d. A child for whom the <sup>1</sup>【Division of】<sup>1</sup> Division of 【Youth  
9 and Family Services】 Child Protection and Permanency assumes  
10 care, custody, and control pursuant to subsection c. of this section  
11 shall be treated as a child taken into possession without a court  
12 order.

13 e. It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for  
14 abandonment of a child that the parent voluntarily delivered the  
15 child to and left the child <sup>1</sup>【at】 with an adult employee<sup>1</sup>, or  
16 voluntarily arranged for another person to deliver the child to and  
17 leave the child <sup>1</sup>with an adult employee.<sup>1</sup> at <sup>1</sup>【,】<sup>1</sup> a State, county, or  
18 municipal police station, a fire department, or an ambulance, first  
19 aid, or rescue squad as provided in subsection a. of this section <sup>1</sup>;<sup>1</sup>  
20 or <sup>1</sup>voluntarily delivered the child to and left the child at<sup>1</sup> the  
21 emergency department of a licensed general hospital in this State as  
22 provided in subsection b. of this section. Nothing in this subsection  
23 shall be construed to create a defense to any prosecution arising  
24 from any conduct other than the act of delivering the child as  
25 described herein, and this subsection specifically shall not  
26 constitute a defense to any prosecution arising from an act of abuse  
27 or neglect committed prior to the delivery of the child to a State,  
28 county, or municipal police station, a fire department, or an  
29 ambulance, first aid, or rescue squad as provided in subsection a. of  
30 this section or the emergency department of a licensed general  
31 hospital in this State as provided in subsection b. of this section.

32 f. (1) A State, county, or municipal police officer and the  
33 governmental jurisdiction employing that officer;

34 (2) a fire fighter and the fire department, and governmental  
35 jurisdiction as applicable, employing or utilizing the services of that  
36 person;

37 (3) a member of an ambulance, first aid, or rescue squad and the  
38 squad, and governmental jurisdiction as applicable, employing, or  
39 utilizing the services of that person; or

40 (4) an employee of an emergency department of a licensed  
41 general hospital in this State and the hospital employing that  
42 person, shall incur no civil or criminal liability for any good faith  
43 acts or omissions performed pursuant to this section.

44 g. Any person who voluntarily delivers a child who is or  
45 appears to be no more than 30 days old to a licensed general  
46 hospital <sup>1</sup>【or a】<sup>1</sup>, a police station, fire department, or ambulance, first  
47 aid, or rescue squad in accordance with this section shall not be

1 required to disclose that person's name or other identifying  
2 information or that of the child or the child's parent, if different  
3 from the person who delivers the child to the hospital **[or]**, police  
4 station, fire department, or ambulance, first aid, or rescue squad, or  
5 provide background or medical information about the child, but  
6 may voluntarily do so.

7 (cf: P.L.2012, c.16, s.68)

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9 2. Section 6 of P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.9) is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 6. a. The Commissioner of Children and Families, in  
12 consultation with the Commissioner of Health **[and Senior**  
13 **Services]**, shall establish an educational and public information  
14 program to promote safe placement alternatives for newborn  
15 infants, the confidentiality offered to birth parents and information  
16 regarding adoption procedures. This campaign shall include the  
17 establishment of a 24-hour, toll free hotline to assist in making  
18 information about the safe haven procedures established by  
19 P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.5 et al.) as widely available as possible.

20 b. The Department of Children and Families shall provide to  
21 licensed general hospitals in this State and State, county, or  
22 municipal police stations, fire departments, and ambulance, first  
23 aid, and rescue squads, information about relevant social service  
24 agencies which may be made available to any person voluntarily  
25 delivering a child as provided in section 4 of P.L.2000, c.58  
26 (C.30:4C-15.7).

27 c. The Department of Children and Families shall notify  
28 relevant county and municipal government agencies, agencies that  
29 deliver social services administered by the Departments of Children  
30 and Families, Human Services, and Health **[and Senior Services]**,  
31 physicians, pregnancy crisis centers, adoption agencies, and  
32 colleges and universities about the availability of information  
33 concerning the "New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act,"  
34 including the pamphlets, posters, and other materials available on  
35 the department's Internet site.

36 (cf: P.L.2009, c.255, s.1)

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38 3. Section 7 of P.L.1991, c.275 (C.30:4C-15.1) is amended to  
39 read as follows:

40 7. a. The division shall initiate a petition to terminate parental  
41 rights on the grounds of the "best interests of the child" pursuant to  
42 subsection (c) of section 15 of P.L.1951, c.138 (C.30:4C-15) if the  
43 following standards are met:

44 (1) The child's safety, health, or development has been or will  
45 continue to be endangered by the parental relationship;

46 (2) The parent is unwilling or unable to eliminate the harm  
47 facing the child or is unable or unwilling to provide a safe and

1 stable home for the child and the delay of permanent placement will  
2 add to the harm. Such harm may include evidence that separating  
3 the child from his resource family parents would cause serious and  
4 enduring emotional or psychological harm to the child;

5 (3) The division has made reasonable efforts to provide services  
6 to help the parent correct the circumstances which led to the child's  
7 placement outside the home and the court has considered  
8 alternatives to termination of parental rights; and

9 (4) Termination of parental rights will not do more harm than  
10 good.

11 b. The division shall initiate a petition to terminate parental  
12 rights on the ground that the "parent has abandoned the child"  
13 pursuant to subsection (e) of section 15 of P.L.1951, c.138  
14 (C.30:4C-15) if the following standards are met:

15 (1) a court finds that for a period of six or more months:

16 (a) the parent, although able to have contact, has had no contact  
17 with the child, the child's resource family parent or the division; and

18 (b) the parent's whereabouts are unknown, notwithstanding the  
19 division's reasonable efforts to locate the parent; or

20 (2) where the identities of the parents are unknown and the  
21 division has exhausted all reasonable methods of attempting  
22 identification, the division may immediately file for termination of  
23 parental rights upon the completion of the law enforcement  
24 investigation; or

25 (3) where the parent voluntarily delivered the child to and left  
26 the child at with an adult employee<sup>1</sup>, or voluntarily arranged for  
27 another person to deliver the child to and leave the child with an  
28 adult employee<sup>1</sup> at a State, county or municipal police station, a  
29 fire station of a municipal, county, fire district, or volunteer fire  
30 department, the premises of a public or private ambulance, first aid,  
31 or rescue squad; or at<sup>1</sup> voluntarily delivered the child to and left  
32 the child at<sup>1</sup> an emergency department of a licensed general hospital  
33 in this State when the child is or appears to be no more than 30 days  
34 old, without expressing an intent to return for the child, as provided  
35 in section 4 of P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.7), the division shall file  
36 for termination of parental rights no later than 21 days after the day  
37 the division assumed care, custody and control of the child.

38 c. As used in this section and in section 15 of P.L.1951, c.138  
39 (C.30:4C-15) "reasonable efforts" mean attempts by an agency  
40 authorized by the division to assist the parents in remedying the  
41 circumstances and conditions that led to the placement of the child  
42 and in reinforcing the family structure, including, but not limited to:

43 (1) consultation and cooperation with the parent in developing a  
44 plan for appropriate services;

45 (2) providing services that have been agreed upon, to the family,  
46 in order to further the goal of family reunification;

1 (3) informing the parent at appropriate intervals of the child's  
2 progress, development, and health; and

3 (4) facilitating appropriate visitation.

4 d. The division shall not be required to provide "reasonable  
5 efforts" as defined in subsection c. of this section prior to filing a  
6 petition for the termination of parental rights if an exception to the  
7 requirement to provide reasonable efforts to reunify the family has  
8 been established pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1999, c.53 (C.30:4C-  
9 11.3).

10 (cf: P.L.2004, c.130, s.56)

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12 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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17 Expands number of safe havens for leaving newborn infants.

# SENATE, No. 122

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2014 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO**

**District 25 (Morris and Somerset)**

**Senator DAWN MARIE ADDIEGO**

**District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator Gordon**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel





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14 department of a licensed general hospital in this State and the  
15 hospital shall proceed as specified in subsection b. of this section;

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17 district, or volunteer fire department that is staffed 24 hours a day,  
18 seven days a week, and does not express an intent to return for the  
19 child, a fire fighter shall take the child to the emergency department  
20 of a licensed general hospital in this State, and the hospital shall  
21 proceed as specified in subsection b. of this section; or

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19 State as provided in subsection b. of this section. Nothing in this  
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18 (2) where the identities of the parents are unknown and the  
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9 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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14 This bill expands the list of sites at which newborn infants may  
15 be left safely and anonymously by a parent, or another person  
16 acting on the parent's behalf, in accordance with the provisions of  
17 the "New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act," to include the  
18 premises of fire stations and ambulance, first aid, and rescue squads  
19 that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Current law  
20 provides that an infant may be left at emergency departments of  
21 licensed general hospitals and State, county and municipal police  
22 stations.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 122**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 27, 2014

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with amendments Senate Bill No. 122.

This bill expands the list of sites at which newborn infants may be left safely and anonymously by a parent, or another person acting on the parent's behalf, in accordance with the provisions of the "New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act," to include the premises of fire stations and ambulance, first aid, and rescue squads that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Current law provides that an infant may be left at emergency departments of licensed general hospitals and State, county, and municipal police stations.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2014-2015 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

The committee amended the bill to:

- (1) clarify that a child delivered to a safe haven must be left with an adult employee, except if the child is delivered to an emergency department of a licensed general hospital; and
- (2) make technical and clarifying corrections.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 122**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 20, 2014

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 122 (1R).

This bill expands the list of sites at which newborn infants may be left safely and anonymously by a parent, or another person acting on the parent's behalf, in accordance with the provisions of the "New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act," to include the premises of fire stations and ambulance, first aid, and rescue squads that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Current law provides that an infant may be left at emergency departments of licensed general hospitals and State, county, and municipal police stations.

The bill also clarifies under the act that a child delivered to a safe haven must be left with an adult employee at the safe haven, other than when the child is delivered to and left at an emergency department of a licensed general hospital.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This bill was not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

ASSEMBLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 122**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 18, 2015

The Assembly Women and Children Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 122 (1R).

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As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4149, which was released by the committee on the same day.



# ASSEMBLY, No. 4149

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 5, 2015

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman MARY PAT ANGELINI**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**Assemblywoman DONNA M. SIMON**

**District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)**

**Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblyman BENJIE E. WIMBERLY**

**District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblymen Space, Webber, Rumana, Assemblywomen Caride, McHose  
and Assemblyman Eustace**

**SYNOPSIS**

Expands number of safe havens for leaving newborn infants.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/26/2015)**

1 AN ACT concerning the protection of newborn infants and  
2 amending P.L.2000, c.58 and P.L.1991, c.275.

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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 4 of P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.7) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 4. a. If a person voluntarily delivers a child who is or appears  
10 to be no more than 30 days old to, and leaves the child with an adult  
11 employee at:

12 (1) a State, county, or municipal police station and does not  
13 express an intent to return for the child, a State, county, or  
14 municipal police officer shall take the child to the emergency  
15 department of a licensed general hospital in this State and the  
16 hospital shall proceed as specified in subsection b. of this section;

17 (2) a fire station of a municipal, county, fire district, or  
18 volunteer fire department that is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days  
19 a week, and does not express an intent to return for the child, a fire  
20 fighter shall take the child to the emergency department of a  
21 licensed general hospital in this State, and the hospital shall proceed  
22 as specified in subsection b. of this section; or

23 (3) a public or private ambulance, first aid, or rescue squad that  
24 is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and does not express  
25 an intent to return for the child, an emergency medical technician,  
26 or another squad member if an emergency medical technician is not  
27 available, shall take the child to the emergency department of a  
28 licensed general hospital in this State, and the hospital shall proceed  
29 as specified in subsection b. of this section.

30 b. If a person voluntarily delivers a child who is or appears to  
31 be no more than 30 days old to, and leaves the child at an  
32 emergency department of a licensed general hospital in this State  
33 and does not express an intent to return for the child, or, if a State,  
34 county, or municipal police officer, a fire fighter, or a member of a  
35 public or private ambulance, first aid, or rescue squad brings a child  
36 to a licensed general hospital under the circumstances set forth in  
37 subsection a. of this section, the hospital shall:

38 (1) take possession of the child without a court order;

39 (2) take any action or provide any treatment necessary to protect  
40 the child's physical health and safety; and

41 (3) no later than the first business day after taking possession of  
42 the child, notify the Division of Child Protection and Permanency in  
43 the Department of Children and Families that the hospital has taken  
44 possession of the child.

45 c. The Division of Child Protection and Permanency shall  
46 assume the care, custody, and control of the child immediately upon

**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.

1 receipt of notice from a licensed general hospital pursuant to  
2 paragraph (3) of subsection b. of this section. The division shall  
3 commence a thorough search of all listings of missing children to  
4 ensure that the relinquished child has not been reported missing.

5 d. A child for whom the Division of Child Protection and  
6 Permanency assumes care, custody, and control pursuant to  
7 subsection c. of this section shall be treated as a child taken into  
8 possession without a court order.

9 e. It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution for  
10 abandonment of a child that the parent voluntarily delivered the  
11 child to and left the child [at] with an adult employee, or  
12 voluntarily arranged for another person to deliver the child to and  
13 leave the child with an adult employee, at [,] a State, county, or  
14 municipal police station, a fire department, or an ambulance, first  
15 aid, or rescue squad as provided in subsection a. of this section ; or  
16 voluntarily delivered the child to and left the child at the emergency  
17 department of a licensed general hospital in this State as provided in  
18 subsection b. of this section. Nothing in this subsection shall be  
19 construed to create a defense to any prosecution arising from any  
20 conduct other than the act of delivering the child as described  
21 herein, and this subsection specifically shall not constitute a defense  
22 to any prosecution arising from an act of abuse or neglect  
23 committed prior to the delivery of the child to a State, county, or  
24 municipal police station, a fire department, or an ambulance, first  
25 aid, or rescue squad as provided in subsection a. of this section or  
26 the emergency department of a licensed general hospital in this  
27 State as provided in subsection b. of this section.

28 f. (1) A State, county, or municipal police officer and the  
29 governmental jurisdiction employing that officer:

30 (2) a fire fighter and the fire department, and governmental  
31 jurisdiction as applicable, employing or utilizing the services of that  
32 person;

33 (3) a member of an ambulance, first aid, or rescue squad and the  
34 squad, and governmental jurisdiction as applicable, employing, or  
35 utilizing the services of that person; or

36 (4) an employee of an emergency department of a licensed  
37 general hospital in this State and the hospital employing that  
38 person, shall incur no civil or criminal liability for any good faith  
39 acts or omissions performed pursuant to this section.

40 g. Any person who voluntarily delivers a child who is or  
41 appears to be no more than 30 days old to a licensed general  
42 hospital [or a], a police station, fire department, or ambulance, first  
43 aid, or rescue squad in accordance with this section shall not be  
44 required to disclose that person's name or other identifying  
45 information or that of the child or the child's parent, if different  
46 from the person who delivers the child to the hospital [or], police  
47 station, fire department, or ambulance, first aid, or rescue squad, or

1 provide background or medical information about the child, but  
2 may voluntarily do so.

3 (cf: P.L.2012, c.16, s.68)

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5 2. Section 6 of P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.9) is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 6. a. The Commissioner of Children and Families, in  
8 consultation with the Commissioner of Health **【and Senior**  
9 **Services】**, shall establish an educational and public information  
10 program to promote safe placement alternatives for newborn  
11 infants, the confidentiality offered to birth parents and information  
12 regarding adoption procedures. This campaign shall include the  
13 establishment of a 24-hour, toll free hotline to assist in making  
14 information about the safe haven procedures established by  
15 P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.5 et al.) as widely available as possible.

16 b. The Department of Children and Families shall provide to  
17 licensed general hospitals in this State and State, county, or  
18 municipal police stations, fire departments, and ambulance, first  
19 aid, and rescue squads, information about relevant social service  
20 agencies which may be made available to any person voluntarily  
21 delivering a child as provided in section 4 of P.L.2000,  
22 c.58 (C.30:4C-15.7).

23 c. The Department of Children and Families shall notify  
24 relevant county and municipal government agencies, agencies that  
25 deliver social services administered by the Departments of Children  
26 and Families, Human Services, and Health **【and Senior Services】**,  
27 physicians, pregnancy crisis centers, adoption agencies, and  
28 colleges and universities about the availability of information  
29 concerning the "New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act,"  
30 including the pamphlets, posters, and other materials available on  
31 the department's Internet site.

32 (cf: P.L.2009, c.255, s.1)

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34 3. Section 7 of P.L.1991, c.275 (C.30:4C-15.1) is amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 7. a. The division shall initiate a petition to terminate parental  
37 rights on the grounds of the "best interests of the child" pursuant to  
38 subsection (c) of section 15 of P.L.1951, c.138 (C.30:4C-15) if the  
39 following standards are met:

40 (1) The child's safety, health, or development has been or will  
41 continue to be endangered by the parental relationship;

42 (2) The parent is unwilling or unable to eliminate the harm  
43 facing the child or is unable or unwilling to provide a safe and  
44 stable home for the child and the delay of permanent placement will  
45 add to the harm. Such harm may include evidence that separating  
46 the child from his resource family parents would cause serious and  
47 enduring emotional or psychological harm to the child;

1 (3) The division has made reasonable efforts to provide services  
2 to help the parent correct the circumstances which led to the child's  
3 placement outside the home and the court has considered  
4 alternatives to termination of parental rights; and

5 (4) Termination of parental rights will not do more harm than  
6 good.

7 b. The division shall initiate a petition to terminate parental  
8 rights on the ground that the "parent has abandoned the child"  
9 pursuant to subsection (e) of section 15 of P.L.1951,  
10 c.138 (C.30:4C-15) if the following standards are met:

11 (1) a court finds that for a period of six or more months:

12 (a) the parent, although able to have contact, has had no contact  
13 with the child, the child's resource family parent or the division; and

14 (b) the parent's whereabouts are unknown, notwithstanding the  
15 division's reasonable efforts to locate the parent; or

16 (2) where the identities of the parents are unknown and the  
17 division has exhausted all reasonable methods of attempting  
18 identification, the division may immediately file for termination of  
19 parental rights upon the completion of the law enforcement  
20 investigation; or

21 (3) where the parent voluntarily delivered the child to and left  
22 the child **【at】** with an adult employee, or voluntarily arranged for  
23 another person to deliver the child to and leave the child with an  
24 adult employee, at a State, county or municipal police station, a fire  
25 station of a municipal, county, fire district, or volunteer fire  
26 department, the premises of a public or private ambulance, first aid,  
27 or rescue squad; or 【at】 voluntarily delivered the child to and left  
28 the child at an emergency department of a licensed general hospital  
29 in this State when the child is or appears to be no more than 30 days  
30 old, without expressing an intent to return for the child, as provided  
31 in section 4 of P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.7), the division shall file  
32 for termination of parental rights no later than 21 days after the day  
33 the division assumed care, custody and control of the child.

34 c. As used in this section and in section 15 of P.L.1951,  
35 c.138 (C.30:4C-15) "reasonable efforts" mean attempts by an  
36 agency authorized by the division to assist the parents in remedying  
37 the circumstances and conditions that led to the placement of the  
38 child and in reinforcing the family structure, including, but not  
39 limited to:

40 (1) consultation and cooperation with the parent in developing a  
41 plan for appropriate services;

42 (2) providing services that have been agreed upon, to the family,  
43 in order to further the goal of family reunification;

44 (3) informing the parent at appropriate intervals of the child's  
45 progress, development, and health; and

46 (4) facilitating appropriate visitation.

47 d. The division shall not be required to provide "reasonable  
48 efforts" as defined in subsection c. of this section prior to filing a

1 petition for the termination of parental rights if an exception to the  
2 requirement to provide reasonable efforts to reunify the family has  
3 been established pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1999, c.53 (C.30:4C-  
4 11.3).  
5 (cf: P.L.2004, c.130, s.56)

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7 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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10 STATEMENT

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12 This bill expands the list of sites at which newborn infants may  
13 be left safely and anonymously by a parent, or another person  
14 acting on the parent's behalf, in accordance with the provisions of  
15 the "New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act," to include the  
16 premises of fire stations and ambulance, first aid, and rescue squads  
17 that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Current law  
18 provides that an infant may be left at emergency departments of  
19 licensed general hospitals and State, county, and municipal police  
20 stations.

21 The bill also clarifies under the act that a child delivered to a safe  
22 haven must be left with an adult employee at the safe haven, other  
23 than when the child is delivered to and left at an emergency  
24 department of a licensed general hospital.

ASSEMBLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4149**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 18, 2015

The Assembly Women and Children Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4149.

This bill expands the list of sites at which newborn infants may be left safely and anonymously by a parent, or another person acting on the parent's behalf, in accordance with the provisions of the "New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act," to include the premises of fire stations and ambulance, first aid, and rescue squads that are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Current law provides that an infant may be left at emergency departments of licensed general hospitals and State, county, and municipal police stations.

The bill also clarifies that a child delivered to a safe haven must be left with an adult employee at the safe haven, other than when the child is delivered to and left at an emergency department of a licensed general hospital.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 122 (1R), which was released by the committee on the same day.

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## Governor Chris Christie Signs Bills To Expand Substance Abuse Recovery Efforts

Monday, August 10, 2015

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### *Governor Christie Also Takes Action On Other Pending Legislation*

Trenton, NJ – Affirming the administration’s commitment to helping those impacted by drug abuse and addiction reclaim their lives, Governor Chris Christie has signed measures to further assist the treatment and recovery process.

“We remain firmly committed to confronting the stigma of drug abuse and addiction in the Garden State,” said Governor Christie. “The legislation I have signed continues our efforts on these important fronts by providing a substance abuse housing recovery program for impacted students at our public colleges and universities as well as allowing medication-assisted treatment as part of our larger drug court treatment programs. These measures are another bold step to help people reclaim their lives and I want to thank Senator Vitale for his advocacy on these issues.”

S-2377/A-3719 (Senators Barnes, Vitale/Assemblymembers Pinkin, Mukherji) requires four-year public colleges and universities to establish a substance abuse recovery housing program within four years. The college may designate a floor, wing, or other area within a dormitory for the program, rather than an entire dorm. The legislation applies to Rutgers New Brunswick, Ramapo College, The College of New Jersey, Montclair State University, Rowan University, and Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The Rutgers New Brunswick campus already has implemented a similar policy. Additionally, in December, the College of New Jersey received grant funding to establish a recovery housing program.

“New Jersey created the nation’s first college-based recovery housing programs and they have been a great success. Now, with the Governor’s signature, many more New Jersey college students in recovery will have a much greater opportunity to maintain their sobriety and to succeed in school and in life,” said Senator Joseph F. Vitale.

The second bill, S-2381/A-3723 (Senators Lesniak, Vitale/Assemblymembers Conaway, Mukherjee, Sumter, and Jimenez), allows for the completion of a special probation drug court program with use of medication-assisted treatment (MAT). The legislation further clarifies that any urine test for drug or alcohol use conducted in the course of the drug court program that shows a positive result for an individual using medication-assisted treatment would not constitute a program violation unless the positive test result is for substances unrelated to the individual’s MAT. Through this bill, the treatment provider rather than a judge can now decide whether narcotic-based treatment should be permitted for convicted offenders who have been admitted to the Drug Court program for drug abuse.

“Medication assisted treatment for Drug Court attendees, like all other clinical decisions made by a provider for their patient, is a critical component in a person’s treatment and recovery plan. I thank the Governor for his support of this legislation and his continued leadership and support of Drug Court programs,” Vitale added.

**The Governor also took the following action on other pending legislation:**

#### **BILL SIGNINGS:**

**S-122/A-4149** (A.R. Bucco, Addiego/Angelini, Simon, Vainieri Huttle, Wimberly) – Expands number of safe havens for leaving newborn infants

**SCS for S-573/ACS for A-2443 (Smith, Sweeney/Burzichelli, Space, McHose)** – Establishes apprentice firearm hunting license and apprentice bow and arrow license

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**S-685/A-4306 (Lesniak, Whelan/Burzichelli, O'Scanlon)** – Reduces number of voters for whom person can serve as messenger; limits to three number of voted mail-in ballots transmittable by bearer; modifies conviction standard under vote by mail law

**S-736/ACS for A-3037, 2547, 3596, 2422 (T. Kean, Lesniak/Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Munoz, Lagana, Garcia, Jimenez, Dancer, Webber)** – Establishes crimes of dog fighting and leader of a dog fighting network, and updates crime of animal fighting; amends RICO concerning dog fighting

**S-756/A-3151 (Sarlo/Prieto, Jimenez)** – Creates sporting facility license governing sale of alcoholic beverages under certain circumstances

**S-1760/A-4212 (Allen, Ruiz, Turner/Vainieri Huttle, Angelini, Jasey)** – Recognizes American Sign Language as a world language for meeting high school graduation requirements

**S-1813/A-3123 (Whelan, Oroho/Burzichelli, Eustace, Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Webber)** – Requires each State agency to review permits issued by agency and make necessary changes to expedite and facilitate permitting

**S-2003/ACS for A-4299 (Pou/Sumter, Mainor, Wimberly, Rodriguez-Gregg)** – Makes certain reforms to juvenile justice system

**S-2109/A-3344 (Oroho, O'Toole/McHose, Space)** – Clarifies that county sheriff may simultaneously hold position of emergency management coordinator

**S-2165/A-4374 (Cunningham, Pou/Sumter, Jasey)** – Requires Secretary of Higher Education to adopt new comprehensive master plan within six months and every seven years thereafter

**S-2377/A-3719 (Barnes, Vitale/Pinkin, Mukherji)** – Directs certain four-year public institutions of higher education to establish substance abuse recovery housing program

**SCS for S-2381/ACS for A-3723 (Lesniak, Vitale/Conaway, Mukherji, Sumter, Jimenez)** – Permits successful completion of special probation drug court program notwithstanding use of medication-assisted treatment

**S-2420/A-3838 (Smith, Bateman/McKeon, Eustace, Gusciora, Benson)** – Increases electric power net metering capacity threshold to 2.9 percent of total annual kilowatt-hours sold in State

**S-2454/A-3791 (Van Drew, Oroho/Stender, Auth, Andrzejczak, Clifton, Eustace, Garcia)** – Streamlines responsibilities of Division of Local Government Services and local governments; designated as the Division of Local Government Services Modernization and Local Mandate Relief Act of 2015

**S-2484/A-3845 (Codey, Turner/Jasey, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, McKeon)** – Requires DOE to conduct study on options and benefits of instituting later school start time in middle school and high school

**S-2508/A-3798 (Oroho, Whelan/McHose, Space)** – Authorizes certain county veteran identification cards to serve as proof of status for veteran designation on driver's license or identification card

**S-2559/A-4016 (Sweeney, Weinberg, O'Toole/Lagana, Mazzeo, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle)** – Removes presumption of nonimprisonment in certain assault cases involving domestic violence victims; expands criminal coercion statute; revises Pretrial Intervention procedures in certain criminal cases

**SCS for S-2567/AS for A-4025 (Sweeney, Oroho, Smith, Greenstein, Thompson/Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Space, McHose, Pinkin)** – Creates "Fishing Buddy License"

**S-2583/A-3836 (Allen, Bateman/Coughlin, Webber, Pinkin, Wilson, A.M. Bucco, Mukherji)** – Upgrades simple assault to aggravated assault if committed against certain law enforcement officers and employees because of job status

**S-2599/A-4121 (Bateman, Smith/Spencer, Schepisi)** – Provides certain definitions for biofuels under "Motor Fuel Tax Act"

**S-2825/A-4316 (Sweeney, Greenstein/Mazzeo)** – Increases efficiency and transparency in distribution of Superstorm Sandy aid money

**S-2995/A-3959 (Gordon/Eustace, Johnson, Caride, Vainieri Huttle)** – Revises requirements for establishment of central municipal courts

**S-3023/A-4558 (Ruiz, Oroho/McKeon, Spencer, Wimberly)** – Appropriates \$4,750,000 from various Green Acres funds for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes

**SJR-17/AJR-79 (Beck, T. Kean/Angelini, Vainieri Huttle, McKeon, Mosquera, Pinkin, Coughlin, Wimberly)** – Designates September of each year as "Hunger Action Month" in New Jersey

**SJR-40/AJR-44 (Beach, Doherty/Wilson, McHose, Mazzeo, Tucker, DeAngelo)** – Designates September as "Gold Star Mothers Appreciation Month"

**SJR-60/AJR-83 (Beach/DeAngelo, Space)** – Designates October of each year as "Lineman Appreciation Month"

**A-4559/S-3022 (McKeon, Spencer, Wimberly/Codey, Doherty)** – Appropriates \$88,592,361 from "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund" and various Green Acres bond funds for local government open space acquisition and park development projects

**BILLS VETOED:**

**S-300/A-4119 (Rice, Greenstein/Jasey, Quijano, DeCroce, Sumter, Wimberly) – CONDITIONAL** – Establishes "New Jersey Out-of-School Time Advisory Commission" to review before-school, after-school, and summer programs

**S-1195/A-2659 (Vitale, Allen, Weinberg/Vainieri Huttie, Gusciora, Jasey, Mosquera, McKeon) – ABSOLUTE** - Revises procedure for issuance of amended birth certificate for person who has undergone change in sex

**S-1593/A-213 (Turner, Ruiz/Gusciora, Eustace, Jasey, Quijano, Wimberly, Muoio) – ABSOLUTE** – Establishes "Police Officer, Firefighter, Public School Teacher, Corrections Officer, and Sanitation Worker Home-buyer Assistance Act"; appropriates \$5 million

**S-1621/A-2926 (Sweeney, Barnes/Lagana, Coughlin, Mosquera, Webber, Pinkin, Danielsen) – CONDITIONAL** – Gives priority in training programs to long-term unemployed

**S-1857/A-2699 (Codey, Turner/Vainieri Huttie, Jasey, Caputo, Wimberly) – CONDITIONAL** – Establishes measures to deter steroid use among students; appropriates \$45,000 to DOE for New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association testing of student-athletes for steroids and other performance enhancing substances

**S-2049/A-3635 (Rice/Tucker, Caputo) – ABSOLUTE** – Requires chairs of certain ward political party committees to have same rights and responsibilities as chairs of municipal political party committees; specifies certain cities not required to have municipal chairs

**S-2058/A-3738 (Lesniak/Diegnan, Sumter) – CONDITIONAL** – Authorizes establishment of three pilot recovery alternative high schools that provide high school education and substance dependency plan of recovery to test the effectiveness of this model

**S-2360/A-3593 (Madden, Holzapfel/Johnson, Lagana, Bramnick, Danielsen, Wimberly, Jimenez) – CONDITIONAL** – Requires notification of local law enforcement prior to expungement of certain mental health records of prospective firearms purchasers

**S-2489/ACS for A-3859 (Sweeney, Whelan, Oroho/Greenwald, Coughlin, Bramnick, Singleton, Rible, Lagana) - CONDITIONAL** – Permits public-private partnership agreements for certain building and highway infrastructure projects; provides for EDA oversight

**S-2784/A-3856 (Van Drew, Whelan/Andrzejczak, Johnson) – CONDITIONAL** – Provides maximum sales and use tax imposition amount for sales and uses of boats and vessels; establishes grace period for imposition of use tax on certain boats and vessels used by resident purchasers

**S-2787/A-4273 (Sweeney/Singleton, Burzichelli, Giblin, Wilson, Prieto, Wimberly) – CONDITIONAL** – Establishes vocational training pilot program in DOC; provides for inmate compensation for education and workforce training participation

**S-3100/A-4605 (Gordon, Greenstein/Wimberly, Lagana, Singleton, Mazzeo) – ABSOLUTE** – Requires State to pay its pension contributions on quarterly basis by August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1 of each year

**S-3107/A-4606 (Sweeney, Greenstein/Prieto, Singleton) – ABSOLUTE** – Makes FY 2015 supplemental State appropriations totaling \$300,000,000 for prepayment of portion of FY 2016 employer contributions to State-administered public employee defined benefit retirement systems

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