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Committee meeting of Senate Legislative Oversight Committee : the Committee will hear testimony from invited guests on the Department of Human Services' Home and Community Based Statewide Services Transition Plan and the Division of Developmental Disabilities' (DDD) shift to a fee-for-services provider-reimbursement system; the Committee will reconvene at 1:00 PM to hear testimony from invited guests regarding DDD's Return Home New Jersey policy
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§§1,2 -
C.30:4-177.64 &
30:4-177.65
§§3,4 -
C.38A:3-6.4c &
38A:3-6.4d
§5 - Note

P.L.2015, CHAPTER 197, *approved January 11, 2016*
Assembly, No. 1098 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning ¹**[**individuals with developmental disabilities]
2 residents of certain State facilities¹ and supplementing ¹**[**chapter
3 6D of**]**¹ Title 30 of the Revised Statutes ¹and Title 38A of the
4 New Jersey Statutes¹.

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

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9 1. a. The Commissioner of Human Services shall conduct, or
10 contract with another entity to conduct, a series of follow-up studies
11 to assess the well-being of:

12 (1) all former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center
13 and Woodbridge Developmental Center who have made a transition
14 into the community after August 1, 2012, and also an assessment of
15 the well-being of all former residents for each of the five years after
16 the closure of both developmental centers;

17 (2) all former residents of other State developmental centers
18 who have made a transition into the community after the effective
19 date of this act as a result of the implementation of the plan
20 developed pursuant to P.L.2006, c.61; ¹**[and]**¹

21 (3) all former residents of other State developmental centers
22 who have made a transition into the community after the effective
23 date of this act as a result of implementation of a plan to close
24 another State developmental center, and also an assessment of the
25 well-being of all former residents for each of the five years after the
26 closure of another developmental center; ¹and

27 (4) all former residents of State psychiatric hospitals who have
28 made a transition into the community after the effective date of this
29 act as a result of implementation of a plan to close a State
30 psychiatric hospital, and also an assessment of the well-being of all
31 former residents for each of the five years after the closure.¹

32 The studies shall evaluate former residents based on data
33 collected after residents have been in the community for at least six
34 months. For former residents who were scheduled to make a

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Matter underlined **thus** is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHU committee amendments adopted February 24, 2014.

1 transition into the community as a result of a closure ¹of a
2 developmental center under] pursuant to¹ paragraphs (1) ¹or] ¹(3)
3 ¹, or (4)¹ of this subsection, the study shall also evaluate these
4 former residents based on data collected at least six months prior to
5 transition into the community.

6 b. Data for the studies shall be collected from all former
7 residents, their family members or guardians, as appropriate, and
8 staff providing supports and services to the former residents, as
9 applicable; except that data collected from staff shall be limited to
10 objective and quantitative data.

11 c. The studies shall:

12 (1) contrast the data collected on former residents with a
13 comparison group of individuals ¹with developmental
14 disabilities¹ still residing in a developmental center ¹or State
15 psychiatric hospital¹, as applicable; and

16 (2) compare the data collected pursuant to subsection a. of this
17 section for each former resident who was scheduled to make a
18 transition into the community as a result of a closure ¹of a
19 developmental center¹, prior to and after the resident has been in
20 the community.

21 d. The studies shall examine, at a minimum, data concerning:

22 (1) the types of residential settings, day activities, if any, and
23 transportation services available for day activities, as applicable, of
24 former residents;

25 (2) the number of transfers to other State developmental centers
26 ¹or State psychiatric hospitals¹, as applicable;

27 (3) the number of moves to different placements, if any,
28 experienced by former residents;

29 (4) for former residents who are residing in the community,
30 their preference for residing in a State developmental center ¹or
31 State psychiatric hospital, as applicable,¹ or the community based
32 on a comparison of former residents' experience in a State
33 developmental center ¹or State psychiatric hospital, as applicable,¹
34 and the community;

35 (5) the ability of former residents to maintain the same level of
36 services and supports provided prior to a transition into the
37 community;

38 (6) former residents' involvement with law enforcement
39 personnel, if any;

40 (7) mortality rates of former residents;

41 (8) former residents' competency in the areas of cognition, self-
42 care, and mobility;

43 (9) former residents' contact with family members or guardians,
44 as appropriate, and peers;

45 (10) behavioral, medical, or excessive weight changes in former
46 residents;

1 (11) utilization and accessibility of health services by former
2 residents;

3 (12) the staff to resident ratio of former residents residing in
4 community placements; and

5 (13) the attitude of former residents and their family members or
6 guardians, as appropriate, about the former residents' current
7 quality of life, including, but not limited to, economic well-being,
8 productivity, and personal safety and health.

9 e. In the case of former residents 'in developmental centers'¹
10 receiving guardianship services, the studies shall indicate whether
11 they are receiving these services from the Bureau of Guardianship
12 Services in the Division of Developmental Disabilities in the
13 Department of Human Services or from family members or other
14 interested persons appointed as guardians.

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16 2. a. The Commissioner of Human Services shall compile the
17 results of the follow-up studies conducted pursuant to section 1 of
18 this act and shall include this information in a series of reports that
19 the commissioner shall submit to the Governor, and to the
20 Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1),
21 as follows:

22 (1) The report of a follow-up study of the well-being of all
23 former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and
24 Woodbridge Developmental Center, who have made a transition
25 into the community after August 1, 2012, shall be submitted one
26 year after the effective date of this act, and annually thereafter, until
27 both developmental centers have closed. In addition, for each of
28 the five years after the closure of both developmental centers, a
29 report of a follow-up study of the well-being of all former residents
30 of these centers shall be submitted;

31 (2) The report of a follow-up study of the well-being of all
32 former residents of other State developmental centers, who have
33 made a transition into the community after the effective date of this
34 act as a result of implementation of the plan developed pursuant to
35 P.L.2006, c.61, shall be submitted annually, commencing one year
36 after the effective date of this act, until the plan has been fully
37 implemented; **'[and]'**¹

38 (3) The report of a follow-up study of the well-being of all
39 former residents of other State developmental centers, who have
40 made a transition into the community after the effective date of this
41 act as a result of implementation of a plan to close a State
42 developmental center, shall be submitted one year after the
43 beginning of implementation of the plan, and annually thereafter,
44 until the developmental center has closed. In addition, for each of
45 the five years after the closure of a developmental center, a report
46 of a follow-up study of the well-being of all former residents of the
47 center shall be submitted ¹; and

1 (4) The report of a follow-up study of the well-being of all
2 former residents of State psychiatric hospitals, who have made a
3 transition into the community after the effective date of this act as a
4 result of implementation of a plan to close a State psychiatric
5 hospital, shall be submitted one year after the beginning of
6 implementation of the plan, and annually thereafter, until the
7 psychiatric hospital has closed. In addition, for each of the five
8 years after the closure of a hospital, a report of a follow-up study of
9 the well-being of all former residents of the hospital shall be
10 submitted¹.

11 b. Reports submitted pursuant to this section shall be made
12 available on the website of the Department of Human Services.
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14 ¹3. The Adjutant General shall conduct, or contract with another
15 entity to conduct, a series of follow-up studies to assess the well-
16 being of all former residents of State veterans' memorial homes who
17 have made a transition into the community after the effective date
18 of this act as a result of implementation of a plan to close a State
19 veterans' memorial home, and also an assessment of the well-being
20 of all former residents for each of the five years after the closure.¹
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22 ¹4. a. The Adjutant General shall compile the results of the
23 follow-up studies conducted pursuant to section 3 of this act and
24 shall include this information in a series of reports that the Adjutant
25 General shall submit to the Governor, and to the Legislature
26 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1).

27 b. The report of a follow-up study of the well-being of all former
28 residents of State veterans' memorial homes, who have made a
29 transition into the community after the effective date of this act as a
30 result of implementation of a plan to close a State veterans'
31 memorial home, shall be submitted one year after the beginning of
32 implementation of the plan, and annually thereafter, until the
33 veterans' memorial home has closed. In addition, for each of the
34 five years after the closure of a home, a report of a follow-up study
35 of the well-being of all former residents of the home shall be
36 submitted.

37 c. Reports submitted pursuant to this section shall be made
38 available on the website of the Department of Military and
39 Veterans' Affairs.¹
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41 ¹[3.]5.¹ This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
42 month next following the date of enactment, but the Commissioner
43 of Human Services ¹and the Adjutant General of the Department of
44 Military and Veterans' Affairs, as appropriate,¹ may take such
45 anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall be
46 necessary for the implementation of this act.

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Requires DHS and DMVA to conduct or contract for follow-up studies of former residents transitioning to community from their facilities.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1098

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2014 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE

District 37 (Bergen)

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Assemblyman Coughlin, Assemblywoman Sumter and Assemblyman Chivukula

SYNOPSIS

Requires follow-up studies of developmental center residents transitioning to the community.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/25/2014)

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1 AN ACT concerning individuals with developmental disabilities and
2 supplementing chapter 6D of Title 30 of the 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. a. The Commissioner of Human Services shall conduct, or
8 contract with another entity to conduct, a series of follow-up studies
9 to assess the well-being of:

10 (1) all former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center
11 and Woodbridge Developmental Center who have made a transition
12 into the community after August 1, 2012, and also an assessment of
13 the well-being of all former residents for each of the five years after
14 the closure of both developmental centers;

15 (2) all former residents of other State developmental centers
16 who have made a transition into the community after the effective
17 date of this act as a result of the implementation of the plan
18 developed pursuant to P.L.2006, c.61; and

19 (3) all former residents of other State developmental centers
20 who have made a transition into the community after the effective
21 date of this act as a result of implementation of a plan to close
22 another State developmental center, and also an assessment of the
23 well-being of all former residents for each of the five years after the
24 closure of another developmental center;

25 The studies shall evaluate former residents based on data
26 collected after residents have been in the community for at least six
27 months. For former residents who were scheduled to make a
28 transition into the community as a result of a closure of a
29 developmental center under paragraphs (1) or (3) of this subsection,
30 the study shall also evaluate these former residents based on data
31 collected at least six months prior to transition into the community.

32 b. Data for the studies shall be collected from all former
33 residents, their family members or guardians, as appropriate, and
34 staff providing supports and services to the former residents, as
35 applicable; except that data collected from staff shall be limited to
36 objective and quantitative data.

37 c. The studies shall:

38 (1) contrast the data collected on former residents with a
39 comparison group of individuals with developmental disabilities
40 still residing in a developmental center, as applicable; and

41 (2) compare the data collected pursuant to subsection a. of this
42 section for each former resident who was scheduled to make a
43 transition into the community as a result of a closure of a
44 developmental center, prior to and after the resident has been in the
45 community.

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

- 1 d. The studies shall examine, at a minimum, data concerning:
- 2 (1) the types of residential settings, day activities, if any, and
- 3 transportation services available for day activities, as applicable, of
- 4 former residents;
- 5 (2) the number of transfers to other State developmental centers,
- 6 as applicable;
- 7 (3) the number of moves to different placements, if any,
- 8 experienced by former residents;
- 9 (4) for former residents who are residing in the community,
- 10 their preference for residing in a State developmental center or the
- 11 community based on a comparison of former residents' experience
- 12 in a State developmental center and the community;
- 13 (5) the ability of former residents to maintain the same level of
- 14 services and supports provided prior to a transition into the
- 15 community;
- 16 (6) former residents' involvement with law enforcement
- 17 personnel, if any;
- 18 (7) mortality rates of former residents;
- 19 (8) former residents' competency in the areas of cognition, self-
- 20 care, and mobility;
- 21 (9) former residents' contact with family members or guardians,
- 22 as appropriate, and peers;
- 23 (10) behavioral, medical, or excessive weight changes in former
- 24 residents;
- 25 (11) utilization and accessibility of health services by former
- 26 residents;
- 27 (12) the staff to resident ratio of former residents residing in
- 28 community placements; and
- 29 (13) the attitude of former residents and their family members or
- 30 guardians, as appropriate, about the former residents' current
- 31 quality of life, including, but not limited to, economic well-being,
- 32 productivity, and personal safety and health.
- 33 e. In the case of former residents receiving guardianship
- 34 services, the studies shall indicate whether they are receiving these
- 35 services from the Bureau of Guardianship Services in the Division
- 36 of Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Human Services
- 37 or from family members or other interested persons appointed as
- 38 guardians.
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- 40 2. a. The Commissioner of Human Services shall compile the
- 41 results of the follow-up studies conducted pursuant to section 1 of
- 42 this act and shall include this information in a series of reports that
- 43 the commissioner shall submit to the Governor, and to the
- 44 Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1),
- 45 as follows:
- 46 (1) The report of a follow-up study of the well-being of all
- 47 former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and

1 Woodbridge Developmental Center, who have made a transition
2 into the community after August 1, 2012, shall be submitted one
3 year after the effective date of this act, and annually thereafter, until
4 both developmental centers have closed. In addition, for each of
5 the five years after the closure of both developmental centers, a
6 report of a follow-up study of the well-being of all former residents
7 of these centers shall be submitted;

8 (2) The report of a follow-up study of the well-being of all
9 former residents of other State developmental centers, who have
10 made a transition into the community after the effective date of this
11 act as a result of implementation of the plan developed pursuant to
12 P.L.2006, c.61, shall be submitted annually, commencing one year
13 after the effective date of this act, until the plan has been fully
14 implemented; and

15 (3) The report of a follow-up study of the well-being of all
16 former residents of other State developmental centers, who have
17 made a transition into the community after the effective date of this
18 act as a result of implementation of a plan to close a State
19 developmental center, shall be submitted one year after the
20 beginning of implementation of the plan, and annually thereafter,
21 until the developmental center has closed. In addition, for each of
22 the five years after the closure of a developmental center, a report
23 of a follow-up study of the well-being of all former residents of the
24 center shall be submitted.

25 b. Reports submitted pursuant to this section shall be made
26 available on the website of the Department of Human Services.

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28 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
29 month next following the date of enactment, but the Commissioner
30 of Human Services may take such anticipatory administrative action
31 in advance thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation of
32 this act.

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35 STATEMENT

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37 This bill provides for a series of follow-up studies of former
38 residents of State developmental centers who have made a transition
39 into the community from the developmental centers. The
40 Commissioner of Human Services is required to conduct, or
41 contract with another entity to conduct, the studies, which are to
42 assess the well-being of the former residents.

43 Specifically, the studies would assess the well-being of all
44 former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and
45 Woodbridge Developmental Center who have made a transition into
46 the community after August 1, 2012, which is the date of the "Final

1 Report" of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental
2 Centers that recommended closing these two developmental centers.

3 In addition, the studies are to include all former residents of
4 other State developmental centers, who have made a transition into
5 the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of
6 implementation by the Department of Human Services (DHS) of its
7 "Path to Progress" plan. The plan was developed pursuant to
8 P.L.2006, c.61, in accordance with the principles of the United
9 States Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581
10 (1999), to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities
11 who have expressed a desire to live in the community and whose
12 individual habilitation plan so recommends, can do so.

13 The follow-up studies are to also include assessments of former
14 residents of other State developmental centers, who have made a
15 transition into the community after the effective date as a result of
16 the implementation of a plan to close a developmental center.

17 The studies are to evaluate former residents based on data
18 collected after residents have been in the community for at least six
19 months. For former residents who were scheduled to make a
20 transition into the community as a result of a developmental center
21 closure, the study is also to evaluate these residents based on data
22 collected at least six months prior to transition into the community.
23 The collected data on former residents is to be contrasted with a
24 comparison group of individuals with developmental disabilities
25 still residing in a developmental center, as applicable, and also
26 compared with the data collected for each former resident prior to
27 and after transition into the community.

28 The data are to be collected from the residents, their family
29 members or guardians, and the staff who provide supports and
30 services to residents, and the bill lists the specific data to be
31 examined to assess well-being.

32 The results of a follow-up study are to be compiled in a report,
33 which is to be made available on the DHS website and submitted to
34 the Governor and the Legislature. The report of a follow-up study
35 of former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and
36 Woodbridge Developmental Center is to be submitted one year after
37 the effective date, and annually thereafter, until both centers have
38 closed. In addition, for each of the five years after the closure of
39 both developmental centers, a report of a follow-up study is also to
40 be submitted to the Governor and Legislature.

41 For the study of former residents of other State developmental
42 who make a transition into the community as a result of
43 implementation by DHS of its "Path to Progress" plan, a report is to
44 be submitted annually, commencing one year after the effective
45 date, until the plan has been fully implemented.

46 Additionally, a report of a follow-up study of former residents of
47 other State developmental centers that may close is to be submitted

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- 1 one year after the beginning of implementation of a plan to close a
- 2 developmental center, and for each of the five years after closure.
- 3 The bill has a delayed effective date of the first day of the
- 4 seventh month following enactment to provide for administrative
- 5 action in advance of the effective date.

ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO ASSEMBLY, No. 1098

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 24, 2014

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably and with amendments Assembly Bill No. 1098.

As amended, this bill provides for a series of follow-up studies of former residents of State developmental centers, State psychiatric hospitals, and State veterans' memorial homes who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill. The Commissioner of Human Services or Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA), as appropriate, is required to conduct, or contract with another entity to conduct, the studies, which are to assess the well-being of the former residents.

Specifically, the studies would assess the well-being of all former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and Woodbridge Developmental Center who have made a transition into the community after August 1, 2012, which is the date of the "Final Report" of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers that recommended closing these two developmental centers.

In addition, the studies are to include all former residents of other State developmental centers, who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of implementation by the Department of Human Services (DHS) of its "Path to Progress" plan, which was developed pursuant to P.L.2006, c.61, in accordance with the principles of the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999), to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities who have expressed a desire to live in the community and whose individual habilitation plan so recommends, can do so.

The follow-up studies are to also include assessments of former residents of other State developmental centers who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of the implementation of a plan to close a developmental center.

The bill also requires the follow-up studies to be conducted for former residents of State psychiatric hospitals and veterans' memorial homes who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of implementation of a plan to close

a State psychiatric hospital or veterans' memorial home, and also an assessment of these former residents' well-being for each of the five years after the closure.

The studies are to evaluate former residents based on data collected after residents have been in the community for at least six months. For former residents who were scheduled to make a transition into the community as a result of a closure of a developmental center, State psychiatric hospital, or veterans' memorial home, the study is also to evaluate these residents based on data collected at least six months prior to transition into the community. This data are to be contrasted with a comparison group still residing in the developmental center, psychiatric hospital or veterans' memorial home, as applicable, and also compared with the data collected for each former resident prior to and after transition into the community.

Data are to be collected from the residents, their family members or guardians, and staff. The bill lists the specific data to be examined to assess well-being.

The results of a follow-up study are to be compiled in reports, which are to be made available on the DHS and DMVA websites, as appropriate, and submitted to the Governor and the Legislature.

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.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments add to the follow-up study and reporting requirements of the bill State psychiatric hospitals and veterans' memorial homes.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1098

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 27, 2014

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires DHS and DMVA to conduct or contract for follow-up studies of former residents transitioning to community from their facilities.
- Type of Impact:** A State expenditure increase.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Human Services; Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Years 1-3</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate increase – See comments below.

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) has insufficient information to estimate the bill's costs, particularly with regard to plans to transition residents of State institutions to the community, or the methodology that would be used to conduct follow-up studies.
- The Department of Human Services (DHS) or Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) would likely contract with an outside research firm to conduct the required follow-up studies.
- Costs associated with the bill will partially depend on the number of individuals transitioned from State institutions to the community. Under a settlement agreement that serves as the State's Olmstead plan for individuals with developmental disabilities, at least 600 individuals will be transitioned to community placements by June 2017, and each one would be subject to a follow-up study under the bill. There will likely be significant overlap between this population and the population transferred to the community as a result of the closures of North Jersey Developmental Center and Woodbridge Developmental Center.

- The OLS is unaware of any plans to close any additional developmental centers, psychiatric hospitals, or veterans' memorial homes in the near future, but any additional closures would lead to additional costs under the bill.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Assembly Bill No. 1098 (1R) of 2014 provides for a series of follow-up studies of former residents of State developmental centers, State psychiatric hospitals, and State veterans' memorial homes who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill. The Commissioner of Human Services or Adjutant General of the DMVA, as appropriate, is required to conduct, or contract with another entity to conduct, the studies, which are to assess the well-being of the former residents.

Specifically, the studies would assess the well-being of all former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and Woodbridge Developmental Center who have made a transition into the community after August 1, 2012, which is the date of the "Final Report" of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers that recommended closing these two developmental centers. (It is noted that, as of March 2014, North Jersey Developmental Center is scheduled to close on July 1, 2014, and Woodbridge Developmental Center is scheduled to close on January 1, 2015.)

In addition, the studies are to include all former residents of other State developmental centers who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of implementation by the DHS of its "Path to Progress" plan, which was developed pursuant to P.L.2006, c.61, in accordance with the principles of the United States Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581 (1999), to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities who have expressed a desire to live in the community, and whose individual habilitation plan so recommends, can do so.

The follow-up studies are to also include assessments of former residents of other State developmental centers who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of the implementation of a plan to close a developmental center, and also an assessment of these former residents' well-being for each of the five years after the closure.

The bill also requires the follow-up studies to be conducted for former residents of State psychiatric hospitals and veterans' memorial homes who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of implementation of a plan to close a State psychiatric hospital or veterans' memorial home, and also an assessment of these former residents' well-being for each of the five years after the closure.

The studies are to evaluate former residents based on data collected after residents have been in the community for at least six months. For former residents who were scheduled to make a transition into the community as a result of a closure of a developmental center, State psychiatric hospital, or veterans' memorial home, the study is also to evaluate these residents based on data collected at least six months prior to transition into the community. These data are to be contrasted with a comparison group still residing in the developmental center, psychiatric hospital or veterans' memorial home, as applicable, and also compared with the data collected for each former resident prior to and after transition into the community.

Data are to be collected from the residents, their family members or guardians, and staff. The bill lists the specific data to be examined to assess well-being.

The results of a follow-up study are to be compiled in reports, which are to be made available on the DHS and DMVA websites, as appropriate, and submitted to the Governor and the Legislature.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS does not have sufficient information to estimate the costs of conducting the follow-up studies required by the bill. The studies required by the bill would most likely be contracted to an external research firm, as the DHS and DMVA do not have the internal capacity to conduct studies of the scope required by the bill.

The bill would apply to the pending closures of North Jersey Developmental Center, scheduled to close on July 1, 2014, and Woodbridge Developmental Center, scheduled to close on January 1, 2015. The OLS is not aware of any plans to close any other developmental centers or State psychiatric hospitals in the near future, although census is below the capacity at most of these facilities, so more closures may be possible. The OLS does not believe a closure of a veterans' memorial home is likely in the foreseeable future, as the three current homes are nearly filled to capacity, and recent efforts by the State have been to open additional veterans' memorial homes, not close them. (Two of the three veterans' memorial homes opened in the past ten years, both at sites formerly occupied by State psychiatric hospitals.)

Follow-up studies were conducted after the closure of the Johnstone and North Princeton Developmental Centers by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Institute at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, with final reports issued in 1998 and 2003, respectively. The OLS has not been able to obtain information on the cost to conduct these studies. However, the studies that the bill requires would collect significantly more data, gather data from many more individuals, and extend over a longer period of time than the Johnstone or North Princeton studies and, therefore, would likely be more expensive than either of those previous studies. Notably, the bill requires data to be collected on all residents who are transitioned to the community, rather than a sample of the study population. (By way of comparison, the North Princeton study followed 150 people of the nearly 500 living at the center when it was slated for closure.) This marks a change from the previous studies, and would likely prove to be very costly and difficult to execute, as some study subjects may not choose to cooperate with investigators.

Approximately 700 individuals were residing at North Jersey and Woodbridge Developmental Centers on August 1, 2012, though some of these residents will transfer to other developmental centers, and some may move out of the State or pass away before each facility closes, and thus would not be subject to study under the bill.

Currently, a settlement agreement between the State and Disability Rights New Jersey from 2013 serves as the State's Olmstead plan for individuals with developmental disabilities, superseding the "Path to Progress" plan developed pursuant to P.L.2006, c.61 that is referenced in the bill. The settlement agreement requires that about 600 individuals residing at developmental centers be discharged to the community by the end of State fiscal year 2017 (June 2017). There may be considerable overlap between these 600 individuals and the residents of North Jersey and Woodbridge Developmental Centers who receive community placements. (Some may not be placed in the community, for example, if they are transferred to another developmental center.) Consequently, the bill may not require the DHS to study many additional individuals placed in the community from other developmental centers.

As of March 2014, there are approximately 2,100 residents in the seven State developmental centers, approximately 1,600 residents of the four State psychiatric hospitals, and approximately 900 residents in the three State veterans' memorial homes who could potentially be transitioned into the community and subject to study under the bill, if the facility in which they reside were to be closed.

Section: Human Services

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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.).

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1098

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 16, 2014

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1098 (1R).

This bill provides for a series of follow-up studies of former residents of State developmental centers, State psychiatric hospitals, and State veterans' memorial homes who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill. The Commissioner of Human Services or Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA), as appropriate, is required to conduct, or contract with another entity to conduct, the studies, which are to assess the well-being of the former residents.

Specifically, the studies would assess the well-being of all former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and Woodbridge Developmental Center who have made a transition into the community after August 1, 2012, which is the date of the "Final Report" of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers that recommended closing these two developmental centers.

In addition, the studies are to include all former residents of other State developmental centers, who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of implementation by the Department of Human Services (DHS) of its "Path to Progress" plan, which was developed pursuant to P.L.2006, c.61, in accordance with the principles of the United States Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581 (1999), to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities who have expressed a desire to live in the community and whose individual habilitation plan so recommends, can do so.

The follow-up studies are to also include assessments of former residents of other State developmental centers who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of the implementation of a plan to close a developmental center.

The bill also requires the follow-up studies to be conducted for former residents of State psychiatric hospitals and veterans' memorial homes who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of implementation of a plan to close

a State psychiatric hospital or veterans' memorial home, and also an assessment of these former residents' well-being for each of the five years after the closure.

The studies are to evaluate former residents based on data collected after residents have been in the community for at least six months. For former residents who were scheduled to make a transition into the community as a result of a closure of a developmental center, State psychiatric hospital, or veterans' memorial home, the study is also to evaluate these residents based on data collected at least six months prior to transition into the community. These data are to be contrasted with a comparison group still residing in the developmental center, psychiatric hospital or veterans' memorial home, as applicable, and also compared with the data collected for each former resident prior to and after transition into the community.

Data are to be collected from the residents, their family members or guardians, and staff. The bill lists the specific data to be examined to assess well-being.

The results of a follow-up study are to be compiled in reports, which are to be made available on the DHS and DMVA websites, as appropriate, and submitted to the Governor and the Legislature. The report of a follow-up study of former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and Woodbridge Developmental Center is to be submitted one year after the effective date, and annually thereafter, until both centers have closed. In addition, for each of the five years after the closure of both developmental centers, a report of a follow-up study is also to be submitted to the Governor and Legislature.

For the study of former residents of other State developmental centers who make a transition into the community as a result of implementation by DHS of its "Path to Progress" plan, a report is to be submitted annually, commencing one year after the effective date, until the plan has been fully implemented.

Additionally, a report of a follow-up study of former residents of other State developmental centers that may close is to be submitted one year after the beginning of implementation of a plan to close a developmental center, and for each of the five years after closure.

The bill has a delayed effective date of the first day of the seventh month following enactment to provide for administrative action in advance of the effective date.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 671 (SCA) (Pou/Sarlo/Weinberg), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1098

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 2015

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1098 (1R).

This bill provides for a series of follow-up studies of former residents of State developmental centers, State psychiatric hospitals, and State veterans' memorial homes who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill. The Commissioner of Human Services or Adjutant General of the DMVA, as appropriate, is required to conduct, or contract with another entity to conduct, the studies, which are to assess the well-being of the former residents.

Specifically, the studies would assess the well-being of all former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and Woodbridge Developmental Center who have made a transition into the community after August 1, 2012, which is the date of the "Final Report" of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers that recommended closing these two developmental centers. (It is noted that the last residents moved out of North Jersey Developmental Center in July 2014, and Woodbridge Developmental Center in December 2014.)

In addition, the studies are to include all former residents of other State developmental centers who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of implementation by the DHS of its "Path to Progress" plan, which was developed pursuant to P.L.2006, c.61, in accordance with the principles of the United States Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581 (1999), to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities who have expressed a desire to live in the community, and whose individual habilitation plan so recommends, can do so. (Currently, a settlement agreement between the State and Disability Rights New Jersey from 2013 serves as the State's Olmstead plan for individuals with developmental disabilities, superseding the "Path to Progress" plan developed pursuant to P.L.2006, c.61 that is referenced in the bill.)

The follow-up studies are also to include assessments of former residents of other State developmental centers who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of the implementation of a plan to close a developmental center,

and also an assessment of these former residents' well-being for each of the five years after the closure.

The bill also requires the follow-up studies to be conducted for former residents of State psychiatric hospitals and veterans' memorial homes who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of implementation of a plan to close a State psychiatric hospital or veterans' memorial home, and also an assessment of these former residents' well-being for each of the five years after the closure.

The studies are to evaluate former residents based on data collected after residents have been in the community for at least six months. For former residents who were scheduled to make a transition into the community as a result of a closure of a developmental center, State psychiatric hospital, or veterans' memorial home, the study is also to evaluate these residents based on data collected at least six months prior to transition into the community. These data are to be contrasted with a comparison group still residing in the developmental center, psychiatric hospital or veterans' memorial home, as applicable, and also compared with the data collected for each former resident prior to and after transition into the community.

Data are to be collected from the residents, their family members or guardians, and staff. The bill lists the specific data to be examined to assess well-being.

The results of a follow-up study are to be compiled in reports, which are to be made available on the DHS and DMVA websites, as appropriate, and submitted to the Governor and the Legislature.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 671 (1R), as also reported by the committee on this same date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The OLS does not have sufficient information to estimate the costs of conducting the follow-up studies required by the bill. The studies required by the bill would most likely be contracted to an external research firm, as the DHS and DMVA do not have the internal capacity to conduct studies of the scope required by the bill.

The bill would apply to former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and Woodbridge Developmental Center, which were both closed in 2014. The OLS is not aware of any plans to close any other developmental centers or State psychiatric hospitals in the near future, although census is below the capacity at most of these facilities, so more closures may be possible. The OLS does not believe a closure of a veterans' memorial home is likely in the foreseeable future, as the three current homes are nearly filled to capacity, and recent efforts by the State have been to open additional veterans' memorial homes, not close them (Two of the three veterans' memorial homes opened in the past ten years, both at sites formerly occupied by State psychiatric hospitals).

Follow-up studies were conducted after the closure of the Johnstone and North Princeton Developmental Centers by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Institute at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, with final reports issued in 1998 and 2003, respectively. The OLS has not been able to obtain information on the cost to conduct these studies. However, the studies that the bill requires would collect significantly more data, gather data from many more individuals, and extend over a longer period of time than the Johnstone or North Princeton studies and, therefore, would likely be more expensive than either of those previous studies. Notably, the bill requires data to be collected on all residents who are transitioned to the community, rather than a sample of the study population. (By way of comparison, the North Princeton study followed 150 people of the nearly 500 living at the center when it was slated for closure.) This marks a change from the previous studies, and would likely prove to be very costly and difficult to execute, as some study subjects may not choose to cooperate with investigators.

The State's current Olmstead plan requires that about 600 individuals residing at developmental centers (including North Jersey and Woodbridge) be discharged to the community by the end of State fiscal year 2017 (June 2017).

The most recently available data indicates that there are approximately 1,700 residents in the five State developmental centers (as of January 2015), approximately 1,600 residents of the four State psychiatric hospitals (as of June 2014), and approximately 900 residents in the three State veterans' memorial homes (as of October 2014), who could potentially be transitioned into the community and subject to study under the bill, if the facility in which they reside were to be closed.

SENATE, No. 671

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2014 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator NELLIE POU

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Senator PAUL A. SARLO

District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)

Senator LORETTA WEINBERG

District 37 (Bergen)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Codey and Gordon

SYNOPSIS

Requires follow-up studies of developmental center residents transitioning to the community.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/17/2014)

1 AN ACT concerning individuals with developmental disabilities and
2 supplementing chapter 6D of Title 30 of the 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. a. The Commissioner of Human Services shall conduct, or
8 contract with another entity to conduct, a series of follow-up studies
9 to assess the well-being of:

10 (1) all former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center
11 and Woodbridge Developmental Center who have made a transition
12 into the community after August 1, 2012, and also an assessment of
13 the well-being of all former residents for each of the five years after
14 the closure of both developmental centers;

15 (2) all former residents of other State developmental centers
16 who have made a transition into the community after the effective
17 date of this act as a result of the implementation of the plan
18 developed pursuant to P.L.2006, c.61; and

19 (3) all former residents of other State developmental centers
20 who have made a transition into the community after the effective
21 date of this act as a result of implementation of a plan to close
22 another State developmental center, and also an assessment of the
23 well-being of all former residents for each of the five years after the
24 closure of another developmental center;

25 The studies shall evaluate former residents based on data
26 collected after residents have been in the community for at least six
27 months. For former residents who were scheduled to make a
28 transition into the community as a result of a closure of a
29 developmental center under paragraphs (1) or (3) of this subsection,
30 the study shall also evaluate these former residents based on data
31 collected at least six months prior to transition into the community.

32 b. Data for the studies shall be collected from all former
33 residents, their family members or guardians, as appropriate, and
34 staff providing supports and services to the former residents, as
35 applicable; except that data collected from staff shall be limited to
36 objective and quantitative data.

37 c. The studies shall:

38 (1) contrast the data collected on former residents with a
39 comparison group of individuals with developmental disabilities
40 still residing in a developmental center, as applicable; and

41 (2) compare the data collected pursuant to subsection a. of this
42 section for each former resident who was scheduled to make a
43 transition into the community as a result of a closure of a
44 developmental center, prior to and after the resident has been in the
45 community.

46 d. The studies shall examine, at a minimum, data concerning:

- 1 (1) the types of residential settings, day activities, if any, and
2 transportation services available for day activities, as applicable, of
3 former residents;
- 4 (2) the number of transfers to other State developmental centers,
5 as applicable;
- 6 (3) the number of moves to different placements, if any,
7 experienced by former residents;
- 8 (4) for former residents who are residing in the community,
9 their preference for residing in a State developmental center or the
10 community based on a comparison of former residents' experience
11 in a State developmental center and the community;
- 12 (5) the ability of former residents to maintain the same level of
13 services and supports provided prior to a transition into the
14 community;
- 15 (6) former residents' involvement with law enforcement
16 personnel, if any;
- 17 (7) mortality rates of former residents;
- 18 (8) former residents' competency in the areas of cognition, self-
19 care, and mobility;
- 20 (9) former residents' contact with family members or guardians,
21 as appropriate, and peers;
- 22 (10) behavioral, medical, or excessive weight changes in former
23 residents;
- 24 (11) utilization and accessibility of health services by former
25 residents;
- 26 (12) the staff to resident ratio of former residents residing in
27 community placements; and
- 28 (13) the attitude of former residents and their family members or
29 guardians, as appropriate, about the former residents' current
30 quality of life, including, but not limited to, economic well-being,
31 productivity, and personal safety and health.
- 32 e. In the case of former residents receiving guardianship
33 services, the studies shall indicate whether they are receiving these
34 services from the Bureau of Guardianship Services in the Division
35 of Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Human Services
36 or from family members or other interested persons appointed as
37 guardians.
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- 39 2. a. The Commissioner of Human Services shall compile the
40 results of the follow-up studies conducted pursuant to section 1 of
41 this act and shall include this information in a series of reports that
42 the commissioner shall submit to the Governor, and to the
43 Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1),
44 as follows:
 - 45 (1) The report of a follow-up study of the well-being of all
46 former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and
47 Woodbridge Developmental Center, who have made a transition
48 into the community after August 1, 2012, shall be submitted one

1 year after the effective date of this act, and annually thereafter, until
2 both developmental centers have closed. In addition, for each of
3 the five years after the closure of both developmental centers, a
4 report of a follow-up study of the well-being of all former residents
5 of these centers shall be submitted;

6 (2) The report of a follow-up study of the well-being of all
7 former residents of other State developmental centers, who have
8 made a transition into the community after the effective date of this
9 act as a result of implementation of the plan developed pursuant to
10 P.L.2006, c.61, shall be submitted annually, commencing one year
11 after the effective date of this act, until the plan has been fully
12 implemented; and

13 (3) The report of a follow-up study of the well-being of all
14 former residents of other State developmental centers, who have
15 made a transition into the community after the effective date of this
16 act as a result of implementation of a plan to close a State
17 developmental center, shall be submitted one year after the
18 beginning of implementation of the plan, and annually thereafter,
19 until the developmental center has closed. In addition, for each of
20 the five years after the closure of a developmental center, a report
21 of a follow-up study of the well-being of all former residents of the
22 center shall be submitted.

23 b. Reports submitted pursuant to this section shall be made
24 available on the website of the Department of Human Services.
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26 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
27 month next following the date of enactment, but the Commissioner
28 of Human Services may take such anticipatory administrative action
29 in advance thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation of
30 this act.
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33 STATEMENT
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35 This bill provides for a series of follow-up studies of former
36 residents of State developmental centers who have made a transition
37 into the community from the developmental centers. The
38 Commissioner of Human Services is required to conduct, or
39 contract with another entity to conduct, the studies, which are to
40 assess the well-being of the former residents.

41 Specifically, the studies would assess the well-being of all
42 former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and
43 Woodbridge Developmental Center who have made a transition into
44 the community after August 1, 2012, which is the date of the "Final
45 Report" of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental
46 Centers that recommended closing these two developmental centers.

47 In addition, the studies are to include all former residents of
48 other State developmental centers, who have made a transition into

1 the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of
2 implementation by the Department of Human Services (DHS) of its
3 "Path to Progress" plan. The plan was developed pursuant to
4 P.L.2006, c.61, in accordance with the principles of the United
5 States Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581
6 (1999), to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities
7 who have expressed a desire to live in the community and whose
8 individual habilitation plan so recommends, can do so.

9 The follow-up studies are to also include assessments of former
10 residents of other State developmental centers, who have made a
11 transition into the community after the effective date as a result of
12 the implementation of a plan to close a developmental center.

13 The studies are to evaluate former residents based on data
14 collected after residents have been in the community for at least six
15 months. For former residents who were scheduled to make a
16 transition into the community as a result of a developmental center
17 closure, the study is also to evaluate these residents based on data
18 collected at least six months prior to transition into the community.
19 The collected data on former residents is to be contrasted with a
20 comparison group of individuals with developmental disabilities
21 still residing in a developmental center, as applicable, and also
22 compared with the data collected for each former resident prior to
23 and after transition into the community.

24 The data are to be collected from the residents, their family
25 members or guardians, and the staff who provide supports and
26 services to residents, and the bill lists the specific data to be
27 examined to assess well-being.

28 The results of a follow-up study are to be compiled in a report,
29 which is to be made available on the DHS website and submitted to
30 the Governor and the Legislature. The report of a follow-up study
31 of former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and
32 Woodbridge Developmental Center is to be submitted one year after
33 the effective date, and annually thereafter, until both centers have
34 closed. In addition, for each of the five years after the closure of
35 both developmental centers, a report of a follow-up study is also to
36 be submitted to the Governor and Legislature.

37 For the study of former residents of other State developmental
38 who make a transition into the community as a result of
39 implementation by DHS of its "Path to Progress" plan, a report is to
40 be submitted annually, commencing one year after the effective
41 date, until the plan has been fully implemented.

42 Additionally, a report of a follow-up study of former residents of
43 other State developmental centers that may close is to be submitted
44 one year after the beginning of implementation of a plan to close a
45 developmental center, and for each of the five years after closure.

46 The bill has a delayed effective date of the first day of the
47 seventh month following enactment to provide for administrative
48 action in advance of the effective date.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 671

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 16, 2014

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with amendments Senate Bill No. 671.

As amended by the committee, this bill provides for a series of follow-up studies of former residents of State developmental centers, State psychiatric hospitals, and State veterans' memorial homes who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill. The Commissioner of Human Services or Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA), as appropriate, is required to conduct, or contract with another entity to conduct, the studies, which are to assess the well-being of the former residents.

Specifically, the studies would assess the well-being of all former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and Woodbridge Developmental Center who have made a transition into the community after August 1, 2012, which is the date of the "Final Report" of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers that recommended closing these two developmental centers.

In addition, the studies are to include all former residents of other State developmental centers, who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of implementation by the Department of Human Services (DHS) of its "Path to Progress" plan, which was developed pursuant to P.L.2006, c.61, in accordance with the principles of the United States Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581 (1999), to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities who have expressed a desire to live in the community and whose individual habilitation plan so recommends, can do so.

The follow-up studies are to also include assessments of former residents of other State developmental centers who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of the implementation of a plan to close a developmental center.

The bill also requires the follow-up studies to be conducted for former residents of State psychiatric hospitals and veterans' memorial homes who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of implementation of a plan to close a State psychiatric hospital or veterans' memorial home, and also an assessment of these former residents' well-being for each of the five years after the closure.

The studies are to evaluate former residents based on data collected after residents have been in the community for at least six months. For former residents who were scheduled to make a transition into the community as a result of a closure of a developmental center, State psychiatric hospital, or veterans' memorial home, the study is also to evaluate these residents based on data collected at least six months prior to transition into the community. These data are to be contrasted with a comparison group still residing in the developmental center, psychiatric hospital or veterans' memorial home, as applicable, and also compared with the data collected for each former resident prior to and after transition into the community.

Data are to be collected from the residents, their family members or guardians, and staff. The bill lists the specific data to be examined to assess well-being.

The results of a follow-up study are to be compiled in reports, which are to be made available on the DHS and DMVA websites, as appropriate, and submitted to the Governor and the Legislature. The report of a follow-up study of former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and Woodbridge Developmental Center is to be submitted one year after the effective date, and annually thereafter, until both centers have closed. In addition, for each of the five years after the closure of both developmental centers, a report of a follow-up study is also to be submitted to the Governor and Legislature.

For the study of former residents of other State developmental centers who make a transition into the community as a result of implementation by DHS of its "Path to Progress" plan, a report is to be submitted annually, commencing one year after the effective date, until the plan has been fully implemented.

Additionally, a report of a follow-up study of former residents of other State developmental centers that may close is to be submitted one year after the beginning of implementation of a plan to close a developmental center, and for each of the five years after closure.

The bill has a delayed effective date of the first day of the seventh month following enactment to provide for administrative action in advance of the effective date.

The committee amended the bill to make the bill's follow-up study and reporting requirements applicable to State psychiatric hospitals and veterans' memorial homes.

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.

As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1098(1R) (Vainieri Huttle/Eustace/Diegnan/Giblin), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 671

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 4, 2015

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires DHS and DMVA to conduct or contract for follow-up studies of former residents transitioning to community from their facilities.
- Type of Impact:** A General Fund expenditure increase.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Human Services; Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Years 1-3</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate increase – See comments below.

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) has insufficient information to estimate the bill's costs, particularly with regard to plans to transition residents of State institutions to the community, or the methodology that would be used to conduct follow-up studies.
- The Department of Human Services (DHS) or Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) would likely contract with an outside research firm to conduct the required follow-up studies.
- Costs associated with the bill will partially depend on the number of individuals transitioned from State institutions to the community. Under a settlement agreement that serves as the State's Olmstead plan for individuals with developmental disabilities, at least 600 individuals will be transitioned to community placements by June 2017, and each one would be subject to a follow-up study under the bill. There will likely be significant overlap between this population and the population transferred to the community as a result of the closures of North Jersey Developmental Center and Woodbridge Developmental Center.
- The OLS is unaware of any plans to close any additional developmental centers, psychiatric hospitals, or veterans' memorial homes in the near future, but any additional closures would lead to additional costs pursuant to the bill.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 671 (1R) of 2014 provides for a series of follow-up studies of former residents of State developmental centers, State psychiatric hospitals, and State veterans' memorial homes who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill. The Commissioner of Human Services or Adjutant General of the DMVA, as appropriate, is required to conduct, or contract with another entity to conduct, the studies, which are to assess the well-being of the former residents.

Specifically, the studies would assess the well-being of all former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and Woodbridge Developmental Center who have made a transition into the community after August 1, 2012, which is the date of the "Final Report" of the Task Force on the Closure of State Developmental Centers that recommended closing these two developmental centers. (It is noted that the last residents moved out of North Jersey Developmental Center in July 2014, and Woodbridge Developmental Center in December 2014.)

In addition, the studies are to include all former residents of other State developmental centers who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of implementation by the DHS of its "Path to Progress" plan, which was developed pursuant to P.L.2006, c.61, in accordance with the principles of the United States Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581 (1999), to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities who have expressed a desire to live in the community, and whose individual habilitation plan so recommends, can do so. (Currently, a settlement agreement between the State and Disability Rights New Jersey from 2013 serves as the State's Olmstead plan for individuals with developmental disabilities, superseding the "Path to Progress" plan developed pursuant to P.L.2006, c.61 that is referenced in the bill.)

The follow-up studies are also to include assessments of former residents of other State developmental centers who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill as a result of the implementation of a plan to close a developmental center, and also an assessment of these former residents' well-being for each of the five years after the closure.

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The results of a follow-up study are to be compiled in reports, which are to be made available on the DHS and DMVA websites, as appropriate, and submitted to the Governor and the Legislature.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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The bill would apply to former residents of North Jersey Developmental Center and Woodbridge Developmental Center, which were both closed in 2014. The OLS is not aware of any plans to close any other developmental centers or State psychiatric hospitals in the near future, although census is below the capacity at most of these facilities, so more closures may be possible. The OLS does not believe a closure of a veterans' memorial home is likely in the foreseeable future, as the three current homes are nearly filled to capacity, and recent efforts by the State have been to open additional veterans' memorial homes, not close them (Two of the three veterans' memorial homes opened in the past ten years, both at sites formerly occupied by State psychiatric hospitals).

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

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SENATE, No. 671

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

DATED: FEBRUARY 4, 2015

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires DHS and DMVA to conduct or contract for follow-up studies of former residents transitioning to community from their facilities.
- Type of Impact:** A General Fund expenditure increase.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Human Services; Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Years 1-3</u>
State Cost	Indeterminate increase – See comments below.

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) has insufficient information to estimate the bill's costs, particularly with regard to plans to transition residents of State institutions to the community, or the methodology that would be used to conduct follow-up studies.
- The Department of Human Services (DHS) or Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs (DMVA) would likely contract with an outside research firm to conduct the required follow-up studies.
- Costs associated with the bill will partially depend on the number of individuals transitioned from State institutions to the community. Under a settlement agreement that serves as the State's Olmstead plan for individuals with developmental disabilities, at least 600 individuals will be transitioned to community placements by June 2017, and each one would be subject to a follow-up study under the bill. There will likely be significant overlap between this population and the population transferred to the community as a result of the closures of North Jersey Developmental Center and Woodbridge Developmental Center.
- The OLS is unaware of any plans to close any additional developmental centers, psychiatric hospitals, or veterans' memorial homes in the near future, but any additional closures would lead to additional costs pursuant to the bill.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 671 (1R) of 2014 provides for a series of follow-up studies of former residents of State developmental centers, State psychiatric hospitals, and State veterans' memorial homes who have made a transition into the community after the effective date of the bill. The Commissioner of Human Services or Adjutant General of the DMVA, as appropriate, is required to conduct, or contract with another entity to conduct, the studies, which are to assess the well-being of the former residents.

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Governor Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation

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Trenton, NJ – Governor Chris Christie today took action on legislation, including a bill aimed at helping inmates who were victims of domestic violence and a second bill designed to help non-violent drug offenders reclaim their lives by streamlining the process for expungement of their criminal records.

The Governor suggested minor changes to strengthen Senate Bill No. 995, which seeks to help domestic violence victims who have been convicted of crimes against their abusers by establishing a community reentry program to assist victim-offenders assimilate into society upon release from custody and prevent further victimization.

Governor Christie conditionally vetoed the bill, proposing that the program be established solely in the Department of Corrections.

"The goal of this bill is commendable and I sincerely support its objective," Governor Christie said. "Domestic violence is tragic, and victims deserve support and counseling. However, the bill conflates the statutory and regulatory responsibilities of the Department of Corrections and the State Parole Board, combining the agencies' separate residential program functions. Accordingly, I suggest minor amendments, in accordance with the intent of the legislation to establish this program within the Department of Corrections, consistent with its existing reintegration programming and tailored to the specific needs of this limited inmate population."

The bill as written also called for an automatic early release program for this specific subset of inmates upon successful completion of the reentry program, an element of the bill that Governor Christie does not support.

"I cannot support the creation of early release programs because they would begin to chisel away at the long-standing function of the State Parole Board," Governor Christie said. "For decades, the State Parole Board has faithfully fulfilled its charge to carefully review and consider the underlying facts and circumstances of each applicant for parole. While I continue to encourage the Legislature to explore reforms that will create efficiencies in State government, I remain grounded in my belief that the review of parole applications is best accomplished through the reasoned, compassionate, experienced and individualized judgment of the State Parole Board and not through an automatic process based upon one factor."

Governor Christie similarly took action to strengthen the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bills Nos. 206, 471, 1663, 2879, 3060 and 3108, and urged quick approval from the Legislature.

The bill proposes to allow those who have successfully completed the Drug Court program to expunge the related criminal charges, and it further aims to make the expungement process more efficient.

Seeking to balance the needs of non-violent ex-offenders with public safety, Governor Christie conditionally vetoed the bill, retaining the current waiting period for expungements for indictable offenses, currently 10 years, or five years if a court determines that expungement is in the public's interest.

"While I support breaking down barriers to employment and education for non-violent ex-offenders, I cannot endorse a bill that compromises public safety," Governor Christie said. "As written, this bill would cut in half the presumptive waiting period to expunge indictable offenses, often felonies, from ten years to five years, and eliminate an important safeguard which allows a judge to consider whether granting an expungement is in the public's interest. The current public interest exception to the presumptive waiting period is an effective and efficient way to help ex-offenders combat the collateral consequences of their offense, while also ensuring that public safety is not compromised."

Governor Christie further suggested retaining the five-year waiting period for disorderly persons offenses, while adopting the bill's provision to lower this waiting period to three years, if a court determines that expungement is in the public interest.

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

BILL SIGNINGS:

S-475/A-3223 (Madden, Sweeney/Mosquera, Webber, Moriarty, Mukherji, Garcia, Munoz, Lampitt) - Requires certain information regarding Down syndrome be provided to certain parents and families

S-650 (Doherty, Beach/DiMaio, Andrzejczak, Peterson, DeAngelo) - Designates State Route 173 between Clinton and Phillipsburg as "173rd Airborne Brigade Highway"

S-835/A-1972 (Bateman/Garcia, Danielson) - Enhances penalties for false incrimination and making fictitious reports

S-939/A-2913 (Bateman, A.R. Bucco/Caride, Dancer, A.M. Bucco) - Designates Black Swallowtail butterfly as State Butterfly

S-1940/A-2893 (Oroho, Van Drew/Burzichelli, Space) - Exempts board of education and local government payments to entities under BPU jurisdiction from certain certification requirements

S-2145/A-631 (Van Drew, Madden/Moriarty, Burzichelli, Tucker, DeAngelo, Danielson, Mukherji) - Authorizes hiring preference for veterans in non-civil service jurisdictions

S-2301/A-3522 (Greenstein, Stack/Stender, Mukherji, Lagana, Diegnan) - Regulates pharmacy benefits managers and requires certain disclosures concerning multiple source generic drug pricing

S-2432/A-4720 (Madden/Moriarty, Mosquera) - Requires notification of member or retiree of State-administered retirement system under certain circumstances when member or retiree requests change in beneficiary for group life insurance

S-2453/A-3805 (Weinberg, Allen/Burzichelli, Singleton) - Requires earlier mandatory polling hours for school elections; requires discretionary additional polling hours be consistent with current primary and general elections

S-2523/A-3917 (Gill, Greenstein, Benson/DeAngelo, Johnson) - Permits municipalities and municipal parking authorities to create Senior Citizen Priority Parking Program

SCS for S-2586, 2587, A-3217, and 3218 (Stack, Cunningham, Mukherji, Pintor Marin, Garcia) - Requires certain sanitary and protective procedures for used mattresses

SCS for S-2668/A-4270 (Beach, Madden/Lampitt, Vainieri Huttie, Benson, Spencer, Wimberly, Mosquera) - Establishes "MVP Emergency Alert System" for missing persons with mental, intellectual, or developmental disabilities

SS for S-2770/AS for A-3956 (Sweeney, Addiego/Lampitt, Greenwald, Vainieri Huttie, Benson, Mazzeo) - Authorizes establishment of Achieving a Better Life Experience accounts for persons with certain disabilities

S-2940/A-4531 (Singer, Sweeney/Spencer, Benson, Casagrande, Muoio) - Creates new criminal offenses concerning endangering another person; repeals N.J.S.2C:12-2 and N.J.S.2C:24-7

S-2961/A-4188 (Codey, Vitale/Garcia, Lagana, Taliaferro, Vainieri Huttie, Danielsens, Holley, Benson, Jimenez) - Clarifies that Alzheimer's disease and related disorders may be listed as secondary cause of death on death certificate when appropriate

S-2978/A-4194 (Van Drew, Oroho/Burzichelli, Spencer, Rumana, Webber, Benson) - Authorizes mobile electronic waste destruction units to operate without DEP permit

S-3004/A-4685 (Cunningham, Van Drew/Andrzejczak, Johnson, Muoio, Wimberly) - Permits municipality with UEZ to participate in Downtown Business Improvements Zone Loan Fund

S-3076/A-4621 (Weinberg, Bateman/Johnson, Caride) - Increases maximum legal fee to represent victims from \$1,000 to \$3,000

S-3110/A-4617 (Scutari/Johnson, Webber) - Permits certain health clubs to offer swimming lessons and otherwise remain exempt from first aid personnel and lifeguarding requirements

S-3117/A-4781 (Gordon, Bateman, Sweeney, T. Kean/Vainieri Huttie, Eustace, Gusciora, Lampitt, Angelini, Moriarty) - Prohibits Division of Developmental Disabilities from compelling transfers of individuals with developmental disabilities from out-of-State to in-State facilities unless certain exceptions apply

S-3220/A-4790 (Sweeney, O'Toole, Vitale/Greenwald, Conaway, Vainieri Huttie, Handlin, Garcia) - Establishes a process to integrate certain health data and other data from publicly supported programs for population health research

S-3232/A-4834 (Sarlo, Oroho/Lagana, Burzichelli, Schaer, DeAngelo, Phoebus) - Allows businesses due to receive grant under Business Employment Incentive Program to receive tax credit instead of grant

S-3270/A-4705 (Gill, Bateman/Schaer, Coughlin, Lagana, S. Kean, Ciattarelli) - "Certificates of Insurance Act;" governs use of certificates of insurance; provides DOBI with enforcement authority

SJR-81/AJR-122 (Barnes/Vainieri Huttle, Schaer, Lampitt) - Condemns Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement against Israel

A-308/S-2203 (Russo, Rumana/O'Toole, Smith) - Prohibits escrow agent evaluation services from charging escrow agents fees

A-1098/S-671 (Vainieri Huttle, Eustace, Diegnan, Giblin/Pou, Sarlo, Weinberg) - Requires DHS and DMVA to conduct or contract for follow-up studies of former residents transitioning to community from their facilities

A-1355/S-2963 (Stender, Lampitt, Holley, Moriarty/T. Kean, Vitale) - Requires DOH to provide information about crib safety on its Internet website

A-1783/S-2020 (McKeon, Rible, Sumter, Moriarty/Vitale, Cunningham) - "Art Therapist Licensing Act"

A-2023/S-2675 (Greenwald, Benson/Cruz-Perez) - Revises definition of "responsible charge" as it pertains to licensed professional engineers and licensed architects

A-2229 (Wisniewski, Diegnan) - Concerns contracts for asphalt work under the "Local Public Contracts Law"

A-2301/S-1481 (Andrzejczak/Van Drew) - Designates certain interchanges of Garden State Parkway in honor of Melvin M. Loftus and Christopher Meyer

A-3052/S-1090 (Mazzeo, Pinkin, Mukherji, Wimberly/A.R. Bucco, Whelan) - Concerns property taxes due and owing on real property damaged or destroyed during, or as the result of, a natural disaster when a state of emergency is declared by the Governor

A-3246/S-3069 (Dancer, Burzichelli, Vainieri Huttle/Oroho, Sarlo) - Requires timeframe of standardbred mare residing in New Jersey breeding farm be inclusive of foaling instead of between foal's conception and birth

A-3293/S-2146 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Pinkin, Webber, Simon, Mukherji/Van Drew, Doherty) - Allows military personnel and veterans to present certain identifying documents in lieu of municipal beach tags to gain admission to certain beaches

A-3331/S-3111 (Benson, Rodriguez-Gregg, Coughlin/Gill, Beach) - Requires health benefits coverage for synchronization of prescribed medications under certain circumstances

A-3390/S-2309 (Coughlin, Pinkin, Webber, Diegnan/Vitale) - Permits transmittal of certain land use documents via email

A-3395/S-2294 (Wisniewski/Sacco) - Allows insurer to obtain certificates of ownership or salvage certificates of title for motor vehicles under certain circumstances

A-3499/S-2256 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Johnson, Pinkin, DeAngelo/Van Drew) - Requires DMVA to encourage and facilitate returning service members' registration with VA

A-3507/S-2677 (Eustace, Webber, Munoz, Schepisi, Rumana/Gordon, Sarlo) - Amends law concerning county and municipal stream cleaning activities

A-3749/S-2568 (Lampitt, Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Pinkin/Beach, Allen) - Establishes program to provide assistance to qualified veterans in in-patient and out-patient treatment programs to travel to medical counseling in State

A-3849/SCS for S-2466 (DeAngelo, Eustace, Mazzeo, Pintor Marin, Benson/Turner, Singer) - Requires BPU to provide links to pricing information to customers from electric and gas public utilities, and third-party electric power and gas suppliers

A-3950/S-2832 (Prieto, Jimenez, Quijano/Greenstein, Turner) - Permits correctional facilities to utilize body imaging scanning equipment

A-4079/S-2819 (Eustace, Andrzejczak, Taliaferro, Benson, Dancer/Van Drew, Beach) - Directs Department of Agriculture to publish on its website "New Jersey Gleaning Week" and "Farmers Against Hunger Day" page

A-4094/S-2884 (Conaway, Singleton, Wimberly, Lampitt, Benson/Whelan, Madden) - Permits administration of epinephrine auto-injector device by persons who complete approved educational program

A-4438/S-3202 (Mukherji, Burzichelli/Scutari, Madden) - Raises maximum workers' compensation fees for evaluating physicians

A-4518/S-3010 (Schaer, Eustace, Benson, Pintor Marin/Sarlo) - Modifies and clarifies provisions of certain economic incentive programs

AJR-57/SJR-42 (Space/Oroho) - Designates April of each year as "Sarcoidosis Awareness Month"

AJR-93/SJR-73 (Eustace, Andrzejczak, Taliaferro, Benson/Van Drew, Beach) - Designates third week of September as "New Jersey Gleaning Week"

AJR-94/SJR-74 (Eustace, Andrzejczak, Taliaferro, Benson/Van Drew, Beach) - Designates Wednesday of third week of September as "Farmers Against Hunger Day"

AJR-100/SJR-70 (Andrzejczak, Tucker, DeAngelo, Mazzeo/Van Drew, Whelan) - Designates first week in August of each year as "Coast Guard Week" and honors Cape May as U.S. Coast Guard's enlisted accession point and recruit training center

BILLS VETOED:

S-264/A-1347 (Greenstein, Cunningham/Stender, Egan, O'Donnell, Wimberly) – **ABSOLUTE** - "Thomas P. Canzanella Twenty First Century First Responders Protection Act"; concerns workers compensation for public safety workers

S-374/A-3403 (Scutari, Beck/Rible, DeAngelo, Mukherji) - **ABSOLUTE** - Concerns attorney fees for workers' compensation awards

SCS for S-779, 1952/ACS for A-2474 (Weinberg, Sarlo, Lesniak/Johnson, Garcia, Vainieri Huttie, Lagana, Mukherji, Moriarty) - **ABSOLUTE** - "Garden State Film and Digital Media Jobs Act" expands existing film and digital media production tax credit programs

S-995/A-1677 (Weinberg, Allen/Johnson, Vainieri Huttie, Lampitt, Mosquera) – **CONDITIONAL** - Establishes in DOC, supervised community reintegration program for certain victims of domestic abuse

S-1346/A-3837 (Rice/Coughlin, Garcia, Rodriguez-Gregg, Pintor Marin, Jasey) - **CONDITIONAL** - Concerns the recording of mortgages

S-2260/A-688 (Scutari, Cardinale/Schaer) - **CONDITIONAL** - Modifies certain fees charged by, and requirements imposed on, check casher licensees

S-2524/A-4067 (Gill, Allen/Lagana, Singleton, Moriarty) - **CONDITIONAL** - The "Municipal Volunteer Property Tax Reduction Act"; permits certain municipal property owners to perform volunteer services in return for property tax vouchers

S-2577/ACS for A-4139 (Stack, Schaer/Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Mukherji, Quijano) - **CONDITIONAL** - Establishes temporary mortgage relief programs for certain owners of real property impacted by "Superstorm Sandy"

S-2867/A-4248 (Ruiz, Pou/Jasey, Sumter, Vainieri Huttie, Green, Holley, Wimberly) - **ABSOLUTE** - Permits municipal land banking in conjunction with online property database development

S-3024/A-4463 (Scutari/Giblin, Diegnan, Jimenez, Caputo, Vainieri Huttie) – **CONDITIONAL** - Revises laws concerning real estate licensees

S-3282/A-4850 (Rice, Cunningham/Wimberly, Mainor, Johnson) - **CONDITIONAL** - Expands Police Training Commission membership to include representative from Northern New Jersey and South Jersey Chapters of National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives

ACS for A-206, 471, 1663, 2879, 3060, and 3108/S-2663 (Green, Spencer, Gusciora, Johnson, McKeon, Giblin, Wimberly, Mainor, Quijano/Turner, Lesniak, Pou) - **CONDITIONAL** - Shortens waiting periods for expungement of criminal and other records and information; makes various changes to other expungement procedures and requirements

A-3257/S-2125 (Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Burzichelli/Van Drew) - **CONDITIONAL** - Provides that determination by county agriculture development board or State Agriculture Development Committee as to what qualifies as farm-based recreational activity in pinelands protection area is binding on Pinelands Commission

A-4103/S-2840 (Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Giblin/Allen, Whelan) - **ABSOLUTE** - Creates workforce training program for former casino workers

A-4233/S-2435 (Jasey, McKeon, Vainieri Huttie, Mukherji, Lampitt/Codey, Vitale) - **ABSOLUTE** - Provides Medicaid coverage for advance care planning

A-4275/S2831 (Prieto, Eustace, Lagana, Greewald, Quijano, Danielsen, Mukherji/Sweeney, Turner, Sarlo) – **CONDITIONAL** - "New Jersey Secure Choice Savings Program Act"; establishes retirement savings program for certain workers

A-4326/S-2942 (Schaer, Lagana, Eustace, Prieto/Gordon, Barnes) - **ABSOLUTE** - Reforms annual State revenue estimating and reporting, and executive State budget presentation and revenue certification processes

A-4386/S-3042 (Coughlin, Pinkin/Vitale, Singer) - **CONDITIONAL** - Permits candidates for school board to circulate petitions jointly and be bracketed together on ballot; permits short nonpolitical designation of principles on petitions and ballots; provides for study of impact of changes

A-4638/S-3118 (Vainieri Huttie, Singleton, Holley, Mosquera, Tucker, Benson/Sweeney, Madden) - **ABSOLUTE** - Requires DCPP to implement policies and procedures to ensure caseworker safety; "Leah's Law"

A-4703/S-3172 (Spencer, Tucker, Pintor Marin, Egan, Muoio, Gusciora/Rice, Smith) - **ABSOLUTE** - Increases tax credit cap by \$165 million for certain qualified residential projects under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program and restricts increase to certain projects

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