

# 26:2H-18f

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**BILL NO:** A3062           (Substituted for S1448)

**SPONSOR(S):** Conaway and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** December 9, 2002

**COMMITTEE:**           **ASSEMBLY:** Health and Human Services

**SENATE:**        ---

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:**        Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**           **ASSEMBLY:** March 13, 2003

**SENATE:**        June 16, 2003

**DATE OF APPROVAL:**           June 24, 2003

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

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(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

**A3062**

[SPONSORS STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 3 of original bill)           Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                   **ASSEMBLY:**           Yes

**SENATE:**            No

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:**           No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:**           No

**S1448**

[SPONSORS STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 3 of original bill)           Yes

Bill and Sponsors Statement identical to A3062

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                   **ASSEMBLY:**           No

**SENATE:**            Yes

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS:**           No

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P.L. 2003, CHAPTER 98, *approved June 24, 2003*  
Assembly, No. 3062 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT providing for the designation of a children's hospital for  
2 Morris and Union counties, supplementing Title 26 of the Revised  
3 Statutes and amending P.L.1993, c.374.

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

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8 <sup>1</sup>1. (New section) The Legislature finds and declares that:

9 a. Morristown Memorial Hospital currently offers the full array of  
10 services for, and meets all of the licensure criteria that apply to, a  
11 children's hospital, and has met and complied with all of the  
12 appropriate certificate of need and licensure requirements to obtain  
13 State authorization to offer the component services that constitute a  
14 children's hospital; and

15 b. It is, therefore, appropriate that the Commissioner of Health and  
16 Senior Services designate Morristown Memorial Hospital as the State's  
17 specialty acute care children's hospital for Morris and Union counties.<sup>1</sup>

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19 <sup>1</sup>[1.] 2.<sup>1</sup> (New section) a. The Commissioner of Health and  
20 Senior Services, subject to the provisions of subsection b. of this  
21 section, shall designate Morristown Memorial Hospital as the State's  
22 specialty acute care children's hospital for Morris and Union counties.

23 b. The designation by the Commissioner of Health and Senior  
24 Services pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be made  
25 subsequent to, and shall be contingent upon, the execution of written  
26 transfer agreements between Morristown Memorial Hospital and <sup>1</sup>a  
27 majority of<sup>1</sup> the acute care hospitals providing inpatient pediatric  
28 services which are located in Morris and Union counties.

29 The written agreement shall state that the other facility recognizes  
30 Morristown Memorial Hospital as the State's specialty acute care  
31 children's hospital for Morris and Union counties and shall set forth  
32 the basis on which the other facility shall make referrals to Morristown  
33 Memorial Hospital.

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35 <sup>1</sup>[2.] 3.<sup>1</sup> Section 1 of P.L.1993, c.374 (C.26:2H-18e) is amended  
36 to read as follows:

37 1. a. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, subject to  
38 the provisions of subsection b. of this section, shall designate St.  
39 Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in the City of Paterson as the

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Assembly AHH committee amendments adopted March 10, 2003.

1 State's specialty acute care children's hospital for the counties of  
2 Bergen, [Morris,] Passaic, Sussex and Warren.

3 b. The designation by the Commissioner of Health and Senior  
4 Services pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be made  
5 subsequent to, and shall be contingent upon, the execution of a written  
6 agreement between St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and a  
7 majority of the acute care hospitals providing inpatient pediatric  
8 services which are located in the counties listed in subsection a. of this  
9 section.

10 The written agreement shall state that the other facility recognizes  
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12 care children's hospital for the counties listed in subsection a. of this  
13 section and shall set forth the basis on which the other facility shall  
14 make referrals to St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center.

15 (cf: P.L.1993, c.374, s.1)

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17 <sup>1</sup>[3.] 4.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.

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23 Designates Morristown Memorial Hospital as the State's specialty  
acute care children's hospital for Morris and Union Counties.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3062

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 210th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 9, 2002

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman HERBERT CONAWAY, JR.**

**District 7 (Burlington and Camden)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Designates Morristown Memorial Hospital as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Morris and Union Counties.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



A3062 CONAWAY

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20 children's hospital for Morris and Union counties and shall set forth  
21 the basis on which the other facility shall make referrals to Morristown  
22 Memorial Hospital.

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24 2. Section 1 of P.L.1993, c.374 (C.26:2H-18e) is amended to read  
25 as follows:

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27 the provisions of subsection b. of this section, shall designate St.  
28 Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in the City of Paterson as the  
29 State's specialty acute care children's hospital for the counties of  
30 Bergen, [Morris,] Passaic, Sussex and Warren.

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STATEMENT

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6       This bill designates Morristown Memorial Hospital (MMH) as the  
7 State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Morris and Union  
8 counties. In order to allow for this designation, the bill amends the  
9 region for which St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in the City  
10 of Paterson is designated as the State's specialty acute care children's  
11 hospital to include the counties of Bergen, Passaic, Sussex and  
12 Warren, but exclude Morris county.

13       MMH's Department of Pediatrics is a regional referral program  
14 which provides area physicians with a wide range of medical,  
15 diagnostic, psychological-social and therapeutic services. MMH also  
16 offers a full complement of pediatric specialty services, a program of  
17 diagnostic, evaluation and treatment services for children and  
18 adolescents with developmental disabilities, and a rehabilitation  
19 services program that provides care for children with special needs  
20 which is unmatched in Morris and Union counties. MMH provides  
21 educational programs for area physicians through its Department of  
22 Pediatrics and operates a free-standing pediatric residency program  
23 which is approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical  
24 Education.

25       MMH is in substantial compliance with the criteria for minimum  
26 staff requirements and required service capabilities for designation as  
27 a children's hospital developed by the advisory committee to the  
28 Department of Health and Senior Services on pediatric care, and  
29 compares favorably in that respect with those hospitals that already  
30 have been designated by statute as specialty acute care children's  
31 hospitals in the State. These hospitals include: Children's Hospital of  
32 New Jersey for northern New Jersey; Cooper Hospital/University  
33 Medical Center for southern New Jersey; Robert Wood Johnson  
34 University Hospital/St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick  
35 for the counties of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and  
36 Somerset; and St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Paterson  
37 for the counties of Bergen, Passaic, Sussex and Warren.

# ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 3062**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 10, 2003

The Assembly Health and Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3062, with committee amendments .

As amended by the committee, this bill designates Morristown Memorial Hospital as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Morris and Union counties. In order to allow for this designation, the bill amends N.J.S.A.26:2H-18e to revise the region for which St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in the City of Paterson is designated as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital to include the counties of Bergen, Passaic, Sussex and Warren, but exclude Morris county.

The bill would add Morristown Memorial Hospital to the list of hospitals that already have been designated by statute as specialty acute care children's hospitals in the State. These include:

-- Children's Hospital of New Jersey for northern New Jersey (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18a);

-- Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center for southern New Jersey (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18c);

-- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick for the counties of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18d); and

-- St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Paterson for the counties of Bergen, Passaic, Sussex and Warren (N.J.S.A.26:2H-18e).

In addition, Hackensack University Medical Center and Jersey City Medical Center have qualified for designation as children's hospitals pursuant to P.L.1999, c.394.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1448 Sca (Bucco/Suliga), which is pending before the Senate.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments to the bill:

- C add a Legislative findings and declarations section to the bill (new section 1), which states that it is appropriate for Morristown Memorial Hospital to be designated as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Morris and Union counties because the hospital currently offers the full array of services for, and meets all



- of the licensure criteria that apply to, a children's hospital, and has met and complied with all of the appropriate certificate of need and licensure requirements to obtain State authorization to offer the component services that constitute a children's hospital; and
- C make a technical correction in section 2 of the bill to specify that "a majority of" acute care hospitals providing inpatient pediatric services in the two counties are to execute written transfer agreements with Morristown Memorial Hospital (which makes the language of the bill consistent with that of the other statutes designating specialty acute care children's hospitals in the State).

**SENATE, No. 1448**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**210th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED MAY 13, 2002

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO**

**District 25 (Morris)**

**Senator JOSEPH SULIGA**

**District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Designates Morristown Memorial Hospital as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Morris and Union counties.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/27/2002)**

S1448 BUCCO, SULIGA

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37 for the counties of Bergen, Passaic, Sussex and Warren.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1448**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 10, 2003

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1448.

As amended by committee, this bill designates Morristown Memorial Hospital (MMH) as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Morris and Union counties. In order to allow for this designation, the bill amends the region for which St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in the City of Paterson is designated as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital to include the counties of Bergen, Passaic, Sussex and Warren, but exclude Morris county.

Under current law, the following hospitals are designated as specialty acute care children's hospitals in the State:

- Children's Hospital of New Jersey for northern New Jersey;
- Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center for southern New Jersey;
- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick for the counties of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset; and
- St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Paterson for the counties of Bergen, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren.

In addition, pursuant to P.L.1999, c.394, the following hospitals qualified for designation as children's hospitals: Hackensack University Medical Center and Jersey City Medical Center.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3062 ACA (Conaway), which is currently pending before the General Assembly.

The committee amended the bill to add a Legislative findings and declarations section (new section 1), which states that it is appropriate that Morristown Memorial Hospital be designated the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for Morris and Union counties because the hospital currently offers the full array of services for, and meets all of the licensure criteria that apply to, a children's hospital, and has met and complied with all of the appropriate certificate of need and

licensure requirements to obtain State authorization to offer the component services that constitute a children's hospital.

Other amendments make a technical correction in section 2 of the bill to specify that "a majority of" acute care hospitals providing inpatient pediatric services in the two counties shall execute written transfer agreements with the Morristown Memorial Hospital. This wording makes the language of the bill consistent with that of the other statutes designating specialty acute care children's hospitals in the State.