

# 9:6-8.75

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF:** 2007                    **CHAPTER:** 130  
**NJSA:** 9:6-8.75                    (Expands responsibilities of "New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect.")  
**BILL NO:** S1217                    (Substituted for A1526)  
**SPONSOR(S)** Turner and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** January 30, 2006

**COMMITTEE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:**  
**SENATE:** Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** March 15, 2007  
**SENATE:** June 18, 2007

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** August 6, 2007

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (First reprint enacted)

**S1217**

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

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

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

[FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:](#) [Yes](#)

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

**A1526**

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**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

**SENATE:** No

[FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:](#) [Yes](#)

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P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 130, *approved August 6, 2007*  
Senate, No. 1217 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning child abuse and neglect and amending  
2 P.L.1994, c.119.

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

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1994, c.119 (C.9:6-8.75) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 2. There is established the "New Jersey Task Force on Child  
10 Abuse and Neglect." The purpose of the task force is to study and  
11 develop recommendations regarding the most effective means of  
12 improving the quality and scope of child protective and preventative  
13 services provided or supported by State government, including a  
14 review of the practices and policies utilized by the Division of  
15 Youth and Family Services and Division of Prevention and  
16 Community Partnerships in the Department of <sup>1</sup>**[Human Services]**  
17 Children and Families<sup>1</sup> in order to:

18 a. optimize coordination of child abuse-related services and  
19 investigations<sup>1</sup>;

20 b. promote the safety of children at risk of abuse or neglect<sup>1</sup>,  
21 and<sup>1</sup>;

22 c. ensure a timely determination with regard to reports of  
23 alleged child abuse<sup>1</sup>;

24 d. educate the public about the problems of, and coordinate  
25 activities relating to, child abuse and neglect;

26 e. develop a Statewide plan to prevent child abuse and neglect  
27 and mechanisms to facilitate child abuse and neglect prevention  
28 strategies in coordination with the Division of Prevention and  
29 Community Partnerships;

30 f. mobilize citizens and community agencies in a proactive  
31 effort to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect; and

32 g. foster cooperative working relationships between State and  
33 local agencies responsible for providing services to victims of child  
34 abuse and neglect and their families.

35 (cf: P.L.1994, c.119, s.2)

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37 2 This act shall take effect immediately.

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42 Expands responsibilities of "New Jersey Task Force on Child  
43 Abuse and Neglect."

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted March 8, 2007.

# SENATE, No. 1217

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 30, 2006

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER**

**District 15 (Mercer)**

**Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Karcher and Allen**

**SYNOPSIS**

Expands responsibilities of "New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect."

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/14/2006)**

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12 improving the quality and scope of child protective and preventative  
13 services provided or supported by State government, including a  
14 review of the practices and policies utilized by the Division of  
15 Youth and Family Services and Division of Prevention and  
16 Community Partnerships in the Department of Human Services in  
17 order to:

18 a. optimize coordination of child abuse-related services and  
19 investigations~~[,]~~;

20 b. promote the safety of children at risk of abuse or neglect~~[,]~~  
21 and~~]~~;

22 c. ensure a timely determination with regard to reports of  
23 alleged child abuse~~[,]~~;

24 d. educate the public about the problems of, and coordinate  
25 activities relating to, child abuse and neglect;

26 e. develop a Statewide plan to prevent child abuse and neglect  
27 and mechanisms to facilitate child abuse and neglect prevention  
28 strategies in coordination with the Division of Prevention and  
29 Community Partnerships;

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31 effort to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect; and

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33 local agencies responsible for providing services to victims of child  
34 abuse and neglect and their families.

35 (cf: P.L.1994, c.119, s.2)

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#### STATEMENT

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42 This bill amends N.J.S.A.9:6-8.75 to expand the responsibilities  
43 of the "New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect" to  
44 include:

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1 activities relating to, child abuse and neglect;  
2 --developing a Statewide plan to prevent child abuse and neglect  
3 and mechanisms to facilitate child abuse and neglect prevention  
4 strategies in coordination with the Division of Prevention and  
5 Community Partnerships;  
6 --mobilizing citizens and community agencies in a proactive  
7 effort to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect; and  
8 --fostering cooperative working relationships between State and  
9 local agencies responsible for providing services to victims of child  
10 abuse and neglect and their families.  
11 N.J.S.A.9:6-8.75 states that the purpose of the 24-member task  
12 force is to study and develop recommendations regarding the most  
13 effective means of improving the quality and scope of child  
14 protective services provided or supported by State government,  
15 including a review of the practices and policies utilized by the  
16 Division of Youth and Family Services in order to optimize  
17 coordination of child abuse-related services and investigations,  
18 promote the safety of children at risk of abuse or neglect, and  
19 ensure a timely determination with regard to reports of alleged child  
20 abuse.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1217**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2006

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1217.

This bill amends N.J.S.A.9:6-8.75 to expand the responsibilities of the "New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect" to include:

--educating the public about the problems of, and coordinating activities relating to, child abuse and neglect;

--developing a Statewide plan to prevent child abuse and neglect and mechanisms to facilitate child abuse and neglect prevention strategies in coordination with the Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships, which was established in 2004 as part of the Child Welfare Reform Plan;

--mobilizing citizens and community agencies in a proactive effort to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect; and

--fostering cooperative working relationships between State and local agencies responsible for providing services to victims of child abuse and neglect and their families.

N.J.S.A.9:6-8.75 currently states that the purpose of the 25-member task force is to study and develop recommendations regarding the most effective means of improving the quality and scope of child protective services provided or supported by State government, including a review of the practices and policies utilized by the Division of Youth and Family Services in order to optimize coordination of child abuse-related services and investigations, promote the safety of children at risk of abuse or neglect, and ensure a timely determination with regard to reports of alleged child abuse.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1526 (Oliver), which was reported favorably by the Assembly Human Services Committee on this date.

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 1217**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed By Assemblywoman OLIVER)

ADOPTED: MARCH 8, 2007

This amendment replaces references to the "Department of Human Services" with the "Department of Children and Families," to reflect the transfer of the Divisions of Youth and Family Services and Prevention and Community Partnerships from the Department of Human Services to the new Department of Children and Families.



# ASSEMBLY, No. 1526

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman SHEILA Y. OLIVER**

**District 34 (Essex and Passaic)**

**Assemblyman JACK CONNERS**

**District 7 (Burlington and Camden)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Expands responsibilities of "New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect."

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/7/2006)**

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11 develop recommendations regarding the most effective means of  
12 improving the quality and scope of child protective and preventative  
13 services provided or supported by State government, including a  
14 review of the practices and policies utilized by the Division of  
15 Youth and Family Services and Division of Prevention and  
16 Community Partnerships in the Department of Human Services in  
17 order to:

18 a. optimize coordination of child abuse-related services and  
19 investigations[.];

20 b. promote the safety of children at risk of abuse or neglect[,  
21 and];

22 c. ensure a timely determination with regard to reports of  
23 alleged child abuse[.];

24 d. educate the public about the problems of, and coordinate  
25 activities relating to, child abuse and neglect;

26 e. develop a Statewide plan to prevent child abuse and neglect  
27 and mechanisms to facilitate child abuse and neglect prevention  
28 strategies in coordination with the Division of Prevention and  
29 Community Partnerships;

30 f. mobilize citizens and community agencies in a proactive  
31 effort to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect; and

32 g. foster cooperative working relationships between State and  
33 local agencies responsible for providing services to victims of child  
34 abuse and neglect and their families.

35 (cf: P.L.1994, c.119, s.2)

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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42 This bill amends N.J.S.A.9:6-8.75 to expand the responsibilities  
43 of the "New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect" to  
44 include:

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A1526 OLIVER, CONNERS

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- 1       \* educating the public about the problems of, and coordinating  
2 activities relating to, child abuse and neglect;
- 3       \* developing a Statewide plan to prevent child abuse and neglect  
4 and mechanisms to facilitate child abuse and neglect prevention  
5 strategies in coordination with the Division of Prevention and  
6 Community Partnerships;
- 7       \* mobilizing citizens and community agencies in a proactive  
8 effort to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect; and
- 9       \* fostering cooperative working relationships between State and  
10 local agencies responsible for providing services to victims of child  
11 abuse and neglect and their families.
- 12       Specifically, the bill stipulates that the task force:
- 13       \* study and develop recommendations regarding the most  
14 effective means of improving the quality and scope of child  
15 preventative services;
- 16       \* review the practices and policies utilized by the new Division  
17 of Prevention and Community Partnerships when providing child  
18 preventative services; and
- 19       \* coordinate with the Division of Prevention and Community  
20 Partnerships in developing a Statewide plan to prevent child abuse  
21 and neglect and mechanisms to facilitate child abuse and neglect  
22 prevention strategies.

# ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 1526

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2006

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1526.

This bill amends N.J.S.A.9:6-8.75 to expand the responsibilities of the "New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect" to include:

- educating the public about the problems of, and coordinating activities relating to, child abuse and neglect;
- developing a Statewide plan to prevent child abuse and neglect and mechanisms to facilitate child abuse and neglect prevention strategies in coordination with the Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships;
- mobilizing citizens and community agencies in a proactive effort to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect; and
- fostering cooperative working relationships between State and local agencies responsible for providing services to victims of child abuse and neglect and their families.

N.J.S.A.9:6-8.75 states that the purpose of the 25-member task force is to study and develop recommendations regarding the most effective means of improving the quality and scope of child preventative services, including a review of the practices and policies utilized by the Division of Youth and Family Services in order to optimize coordination of child abuse-related services and investigations, promote the safety of children at risk of abuse or neglect, and ensure a timely determination with regard to reports of alleged child abuse.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1217 (Turner) which was reported favorably by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on this date.

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 1526**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed By Assemblywoman Oliver)

ADOPTED: MARCH 8, 2007

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