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

**DATE INTRODUCED:** September 14, 1992

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

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**DATE OF PASSAGE:** **ASSEMBLY:** December 21, 1992  
**SENATE:** December 16, 1993

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**FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**SPONSOR STATEMENT:** Yes

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

**FISCAL NOTE:** No

**VETO MESSAGE:** No

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**HEARINGS:** No

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[FIRST REPRINT]  
ASSEMBLY, No. 1744

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 14, 1992

By Assemblymen CATANIA, ZECKER, Kelly,  
Assemblywoman Crecco and Assemblyman Felice

1 AN ACT providing for the designation of a children's hospital for  
2 certain counties in northern New Jersey and supplementing  
3 Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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

7 1. a. The Commissioner of Health, subject to the provisions of  
8 subsection b. of this section, shall designate St. Joseph's Hospital  
9 and Medical Center in the City of Paterson as the State's  
10 specialty <sup>1</sup>acute care<sup>1</sup> children's hospital for the counties of  
11 Bergen, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren.

12 b. The designation by the Commissioner of Health pursuant to  
13 subsection a. of this section shall be made subsequent to, and  
14 shall be contingent upon, the execution of a written agreement  
15 between St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center and a majority  
16 of the acute care hospitals providing inpatient pediatric services  
17 which are located in the counties listed in subsection a. of this  
18 section.

19 The written agreement shall state that the other facility  
20 recognizes St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center as the  
21 State's specialty <sup>1</sup>acute care<sup>1</sup> children's hospital for the  
22 counties listed in subsection a. of this section and shall set forth  
23 the basis on which the other facility shall make referrals to St.  
24 Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center.

25 2. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment.

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30 Designates St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center as the  
31 children's hospital for Bergen, Passaic, Morris, Sussex and  
32 Warren counties.

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 AHH committee amendments adopted November 9, 1992.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill designates St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in  
31 Paterson as the State's specialty children's hospital for the  
32 counties of Bergen, Passaic, Morris, Sussex and Warren.

33 The designation as a specialty children's facility will provide a  
34 resource for northern New Jersey health care providers, will  
35 strengthen care provided by community hospitals and  
36 practitioners and will offer patients and families an alternative  
37 to seeking specialized care at out-of-State facilities, thereby  
38 keeping health care dollars in the State. Further, many health  
39 care professionals trained at the children's hospital will remain  
40 in New Jersey, further strengthening the quality of pediatric  
41 services in the State.

42 Presently, Children's Hospital of New Jersey, a unit of United  
43 Hospitals Medical Center is designated as the State's specialty  
44 acute care children's hospital, and Cooper Hospital/University  
45 Medical Center is designated as the State's specialty acute care

1 children's hospital for the counties of Atlantic, Burlington,  
2 Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Monmouth,  
3 Ocean and Salem.  
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10 Warren counties.

ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1744**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 1992

The Assembly Health and Human Services Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1744 with committee amendments.

As amended by the committee, this bill designates St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Paterson as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for the counties of Bergen, Passaic, Morris, Sussex and Warren.

St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center is already providing comprehensive services to northern New Jersey children. It is a major teaching hospital for the Seton Hall University School of Graduate Medical Education and operates the only licensed, dedicated and fully staffed pediatric intensive care unit and only Level III Perinatal Center in the region. In addition, St. Joseph's operates the only craniofacial center in the region, provides pediatric trauma services through its trauma center, operates the largest Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program in the State, and has contracts with other hospitals in the region to: accept high-risk neonatal transports, upgrade or medically manage their nurseries, provide 24-hour pediatric coverage, provide neonatal coverage for caesarian sections, and provide perinatal outreach education throughout the region.

The designation of St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center as a specialty children's facility will provide a resource for northern New Jersey health care providers, will strengthen care provided by community hospitals and practitioners and will offer patients and families an alternative to seeking specialized care at out-of-State facilities, thereby keeping health care dollars in the State. Further, many health care professionals trained at the children's hospital will remain in New Jersey, further strengthening the quality of pediatric services in the State.

Presently, Children's Hospital of New Jersey, a unit of United Hospitals Medical Center is designated as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital, and Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center is designated as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for the counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean and Salem.

The committee amended the bill to clarify the designation of St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for the counties of Bergen, Passaic, Morris, Sussex and Warren.

SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1744

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 1993

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1744 (1R).

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Presently, Children's Hospital of New Jersey, a unit of United Hospitals Medical Center is designated as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital for northern New Jersey; Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital/St. Peter's Medical Center is designated as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital in central New Jersey for the counties of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset; and Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center is designated as the State's specialty acute care children's hospital in southern New Jersey for the counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean and Salem.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1145 SCA (Bubba), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.