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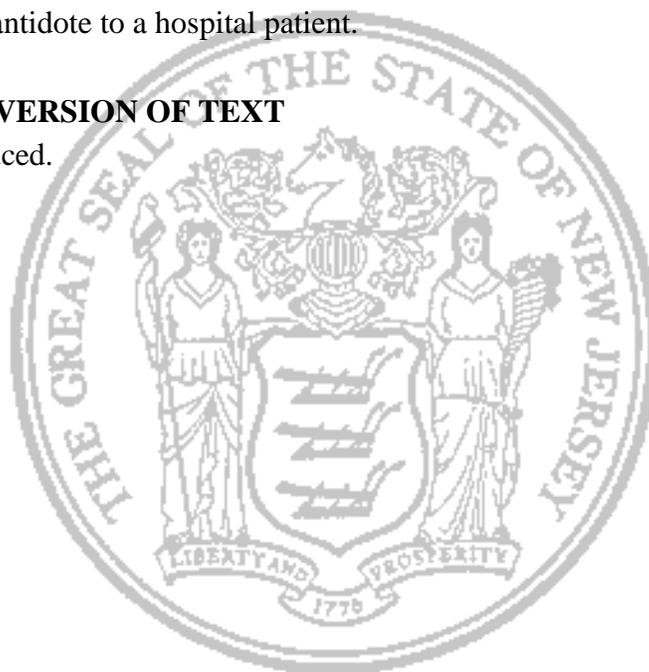
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes temporary Commission on Opioid Antidote Administration and Aftercare to study and report on procedures to be used following administration of an opioid antidote to a hospital patient.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/18/2018)

1 A **JOINT RESOLUTION** establishing a temporary Commission on
2 Opioid Antidote Administration and Aftercare.

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

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7 1. a. There is hereby established a Commission on Opioid
8 Antidote Administration and Aftercare.

9 b. The purpose of the commission shall be to: (1) study and
10 evaluate the various procedures that are used by hospitals in this
11 and other states when a patient is released from hospital-based care
12 following the administration of naloxone, or other opioid antidote,
13 thereto; and (2) determine and recommend appropriate procedures
14 and protocols to be uniformly applied by hospitals in the State upon
15 the release of a patient under such circumstances. Such procedures
16 and protocols shall be designed to promote the health and facilitate
17 the recovery of the patient, to the maximum extent practicable.

18 c. The commission shall consist of 15 members, as follows:

19 (1) the Commissioner of Human Services; the Commissioner of
20 Health; the Director of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction
21 Services in the Department of Human Services; the Director of the
22 Division of Children's System of Care in the Department of
23 Children and Families; the Superintendent of State Police; the
24 President of the New Jersey Hospital Association; the President of
25 the New Jersey Chapter of the American Association of Healthcare
26 Administrative Management (AAHAM); and the President of the
27 Health Care Association of New Jersey, or the designees of such
28 persons; and

29 (2) seven public members, to be appointed as follows:

30 (a) two members to be appointed by the Senate President;

31 (b) one member to be appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;

32 (c) two members to be appointed by the Assembly Speaker;

33 (d) one member to be appointed by the Assembly Minority
34 Leader; and

35 (e) one member to be appointed by the Governor.

36 The public members of the commission shall include persons
37 who have expertise or extensive experience in hospital-based care,
38 emergency medical services, or substance abuse treatment, or
39 persons who have successfully completed a substance abuse
40 treatment program, or who are the parents of persons who suffer
41 from substance abuse.

42 d. The members of the commission shall serve without
43 compensation, but shall be entitled to employ stenographic and
44 clerical assistance, and incur traveling and other miscellaneous
45 expenses as it may deem necessary to perform its duties, within the
46 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the
47 commission for its purposes.

1 e. Members of the commission shall be appointed within 60
2 days after the effective date of this resolution, and the commission
3 shall organize as soon as practicable after the appointment of its
4 members. Any vacancy in the membership of the commission shall
5 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made.
6 The commission shall select a chairperson from among its
7 members, and a secretary who need not be a member of the
8 commission. A majority of all the authorized members shall
9 constitute a quorum. The commission may conduct business
10 without a quorum, but may only vote on recommendations when a
11 quorum is present. The commission shall be entitled to call to its
12 assistance, and avail itself of the services of, the employees of any
13 State, county, or municipal department, board, bureau, commission,
14 authority, or agency as it may require, and as may be available to it
15 for its purposes.

16 f. The commission shall meet at the call of the chair, at the
17 times, and in the places, deemed appropriate to fulfill its duties.
18 The commission may also conduct public hearings, at the times and
19 places it designates, if deemed appropriate to fulfill its duties.

20 g. Within one year following the commission's organization, as
21 provided by subsection e. of this section, the commission shall
22 prepare and submit to the Governor, and, pursuant to section 2 of
23 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature, a report of its
24 findings and recommendations on the matters described in
25 subsection b. of this section. The commission shall expire on the
26 31st day following the date on which its report is issued under this
27 subsection.

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29 2. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately, and shall
30 expire on the 31st day following the date of issuance of the
31 commission's report to the Governor and the Legislature, as
32 provided by section 1 of this resolution.

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STATEMENT

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37 This joint resolution would establish a Commission on Opioid
38 Antidote Administration and Aftercare. The commission would be
39 required to: (1) study and evaluate the various procedures that are
40 used by hospitals in this and other states when a patient is released
41 from hospital-based care following the administration of naloxone,
42 or other opioid antidote, thereto; and (2) determine and recommend
43 appropriate procedures and protocols to be uniformly applied by
44 hospitals in the State upon the release of a patient under such
45 circumstances. The bill would require such procedures and
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47 patients involved, to the maximum extent practicable.

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19 hospital-based care, emergency medical services, or substance
20 abuse treatment, or persons who have successfully completed a
21 substance abuse treatment program, or who are the parents of
22 persons who suffer from substance abuse.

23 The commission members would be appointed within 60 days
24 after the enactment of the resolution, and would be required to issue
25 a report of their findings and recommendations to the Governor and
26 Legislature within one year after the commission's organization.

27 The resolution and the commission would expire on the 31st day
28 following the submission of the commission's report.