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SYNOPSIS

Requires annual physical examination of child under 19 years of age include certain questions related to cardiac health.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1 AN ACT concerning physical examinations of children and
2 supplementing Title 26 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 licensed health care professional who performs an annual
8 physical examination of a child 19 years of age or younger shall
9 include as part of that examination questions that evaluate a child's
10 family history related to cardiac conditions contained in the
11 "Preparticipation Physical Evaluation" form developed jointly by
12 the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy
13 of Pediatrics, American College of Sports Medicine, American
14 Medical Society for Sports Medicine, American Orthopaedic
15 Society for Sports Medicine, and American Osteopathic Academy
16 of Sports Medicine.

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18 2. a. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the New
19 Jersey Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the New
20 Jersey Academy of Family Physicians, the American Heart
21 Association, and the New Jersey Chapter of the American College
22 of Cardiology, shall develop a cardiac screening professional
23 development module to increase the assessment skills of those
24 health care practitioners who perform annual physical examinations
25 of children 19 years of age or younger pursuant to section 1 of
26 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
27 The module shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

28 (1) completing and reviewing a detailed medical history with an
29 emphasis on cardiovascular family history and personal reports of
30 symptoms;

31 (2) identifying symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest that may
32 require follow-up assessment with a cardiologist;

33 (3) recognizing normal structural changes of the heart;

34 (4) recognizing prodromal symptoms that precede sudden
35 cardiac arrest;

36 (5) performing the cardiovascular physical examination; and

37 (6) reviewing the major etiologies of sudden unexplained
38 cardiac death with an emphasis on structural abnormalities and
39 acquired conditions.

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41 3. The New Jersey Board of Nursing shall require that, in
42 addition to any other requirements provided by law, an applicant for
43 renewal of certification as an advanced practice nurse who performs
44 annual physical examinations of children 19 years of age or
45 younger, attest that, in the period since the applicant's certification
46 was last renewed, the applicant has completed the cardiac screening

1 professional development module developed pursuant to section 2
2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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4 4. The State Board of Medical Examiners shall require that a
5 person licensed to practice medicine and surgery and who performs
6 annual physical examinations of children 19 years of age or
7 younger, as a condition for biennial registration, attest that, in the
8 period since the person's last biennial registration, the person has
9 completed the cardiac screening professional development module
10 developed pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
11 before the Legislature as this bill).

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13 5. The State Board of Medical Examiners shall require that, in
14 addition to any other requirements provided for by law, an applicant
15 for renewal of licensure as a physician assistant who performs
16 annual physical examinations of children 19 years of age or
17 younger, attest that, in the period since the person's license was last
18 renewed, the person has completed the cardiac screening
19 professional development module developed pursuant to section 2
20 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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22 6. The Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs in the
23 Department of Law and Public Safety, pursuant to the
24 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
25 seq.), and in consultation with the Commissioner of Health, shall
26 adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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28 7. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
29 next following the date of enactment, but the Director of the
30 Division of Consumer Affairs and the Commissioner of Health may
31 take such anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as
32 shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill requires that an annual medical examination of any
38 child under the age of 19 include questions contained in the
39 "Preparticipation Physical Evaluation" form developed to screen
40 students seeking to participate in school-sponsored athletics.

41 The bill further requires that the Commissioner of Health, in
42 consultation with the New Jersey Chapter of the American
43 Academy of Pediatrics, the New Jersey Academy of Family
44 Physicians, the American Heart Association, and the New Jersey
45 Chapter of the American College of Cardiology, develop a cardiac
46 screening professional development module, which advanced
47 practice nurses, physicians, and physician assistants performing

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1 medical examinations would be required to periodically complete.
2 These individuals would be required to attest to their completion of
3 the module upon renewal of certification, registration, or licensure,
4 as applicable.

5 The bill also requires the development of the cardiac screening
6 professional development module, and requires the professionals
7 who perform annual medical exams of children under 19 to
8 complete the module and attest to having completed it since the last
9 renewal of their certification, registration, or licensure. The bill
10 also directs that the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs,
11 in consultation with the Commissioner of Health, adopt rules and
12 regulations (rather than the other way around), and permit
13 anticipatory administrative action prior to the effective date.