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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH to conduct study on causes of youth suicide.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Children, Families and Food Security Committee with technical review.



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1 AN ACT concerning youth suicide.

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

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6 1. a. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the
7 Department of Children and Families, the Department of Human
8 Services, and the New Jersey Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory
9 Council shall study the causes of and risk factors associated with
10 youth suicide in this State, including, but not limited to:
11 aggression, agitation, anxiety, emotional and physical trauma,
12 family history, impulsivity, physical and mental illness, social
13 withdrawal, and substance use, including alcohol, illicit drug, and
14 prescription medication use.

15 b. The Commissioner of Health shall at a minimum: review
16 suicide data, available health records in a manner that is consistent
17 with federal and State privacy laws, medical and other scientific
18 literature, scholarly articles, public and private research, and any
19 other resources deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of Health
20 to carry out the purposes of this act.

21 c. Within 180 days following the effective date of this act, the
22 Commissioner of Health shall issue a report to the Governor, and,
23 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the
24 Legislature containing the commissioner's findings made pursuant
25 to subsection a. of this section. The report shall include any
26 recommendations for legislation or regulatory changes that would
27 address and aim to eliminate causes of youth suicide.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
30 the submission of the findings of the Commissioner of Health
31 pursuant to subsection b. of section 1 of this act.