

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 3591

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 11, 2023

The Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3591.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to apply for such State plan amendments or waivers as may be necessary to secure federal financial participation for State Medicaid expenditures under the federal Medicaid program for the purpose of establishing additional graduate medical education program slots focused on behavioral health care. Contingent on the approval of such State plan amendments or waivers, the Commissioner of Human Services and the Secretary of Higher Education are to establish a process for new and existing graduate medical education programs to request and use Medicaid funds to establish additional graduate medical education program slots focused on behavioral health care.

As reported by the committee with amendments, Senate Bill No. 3591 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4615 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on this date with amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments revise the bill to remove a section that would have amended section 5 of P.L.1977, c.390 (C.18A:64H-5).

The committee amendments add language to clarify that Medicaid funds may be used to establish additional graduate medical education program slots in behavioral health care in both new and existing graduate medical education programs.

The committee amendments make various technical amendments, including revising the title and synopsis of the bill, to reflect these changes.