

## CHAPTER 255

**AN ACT** concerning public information about the “New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act” and amending P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.9).

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

1. Section 6 of P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.9) is amended to read as follows:

C.30:4C-15.9 Educational public information program, toll free hotline.

6. a. The Commissioner of Children and Families, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, shall establish an educational and public information program to promote safe placement alternatives for newborn infants, the confidentiality offered to birth parents and information regarding adoption procedures. This campaign shall include the establishment of a 24-hour, toll free hotline to assist in making information about the safe haven procedures established by P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.5 et al.) as widely available as possible.

b. The Department of Children and Families shall provide to licensed general hospitals in this State and State, county or municipal police stations information about relevant social service agencies which may be made available to any person voluntarily delivering a child as provided in section 4 of P.L.2000, c.58 (C.30:4C-15.7).

c. The Department of Children and Families shall notify relevant county and municipal government agencies, agencies that deliver social services administered by the Departments of Children and Families, Human Services, and Health and Senior Services, physicians, pregnancy crisis centers, adoption agencies, and colleges and universities about the availability of information concerning the “New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act,” including the pamphlets, posters, and other materials available on the department’s Internet site.

2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

Approved January 17, 2010.