

## CHAPTER 155

**AN ACT** concerning information about the availability of beds in certain residential facilities and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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

C.30:4-177.66 Information relative to open beds in certain residential facilities.

1. a. The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services shall oversee the development and maintenance of a data dashboard report, which shall collect and track the daily information received pursuant to section 2 of this act about the number of open beds that are available for treatment for individuals in need of mental health or substance use disorder treatment in each facility in the State that is licensed to provide:

(1) long term or extended care services for mental health or substance use disorders and receives State or county funding, including, but not limited to, a psychiatric facility, psychiatric unit of a general hospital, short-term care facility, and special psychiatric hospital, as those terms are defined in section 2 of P.L.1987, c.116 (C.30:4-27.2), and a residential health care facility as defined in section 1 of P.L.1953, c.212 (C.30:11A-1); or

(2) acute or intermediate level of care services for mental health or a substance use disorder and receives State or county funding, including, but not limited to, a psychiatric facility, psychiatric unit of a general hospital, short-term care facility, and special psychiatric hospital, as those terms are defined in section 2 of P.L.1987, c.116 (C.30:4-27.2).

b. The information maintained in the data dashboard report shall include, by county:

(1) the address and telephone number of the facility;

(2) the type of services provided by the facility;

(3) the licensed bed capacity of the facility; and

(4) the number of open beds that are available for the provision of mental health or substance use disorder services, based on the information received pursuant to section 2 of this act.

c. The information described in subsection b. of this section shall be:

(1) prominently displayed on the website of the department;

(2) made available to the public, upon request, through the Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system; and

(3) made available using any other means that the Commissioner of Human Services deems appropriate.

d. The commissioner is authorized to solicit, receive, and accept grants, funds, or anything of value from any public or private entity and receive and accept contributions of money, property, labor, or any other thing of value from any legitimate source for the purpose of the development and maintenance of a data dashboard report pursuant to this act.

C.30:4-177.67 Submission of information by facility.

2. Each facility in the State that is licensed to provide mental health or substance use disorder services, as provided for in section 1 of this act, and receives State or county funding shall submit to the data dashboard report, no less than once a day, information advising of the number of open beds that are available for the provision of mental health or substance use disorder services on that day.

C.30:4-177.68 Workgroup.

3. a. The division shall convene a workgroup which shall include, at a minimum, one representative from each of the following organizations:

(1) the New Jersey Hospital Association;

- (2) the New Jersey Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians;
- (3) the Health Care Association of New Jersey;
- (4) LeadingAge New Jersey; and
- (5) other stakeholders as the division deems appropriate.

b. The workgroup shall assist the division and the department in the monitoring of the data reporting requirements as provided for in section 2 of this act, including, but not limited to the following parameters:

- (1) definitions of all data elements;
- (2) protocols for data reporting;
- (3) qualifications of a person who submits data pursuant to section 2 of this act;
- (4) facility compliance with the provisions of this act;
- (5) development of a "real-time" reporting mechanism; and
- (6) any other area of interest that the workgroup deems appropriate.

4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month next following the date of enactment.

Approved July 21, 2017.