

ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 4756

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 8, 2022

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 4756.

This committee substitutes requires the Division of Children's System of Care in the Department of Children and Families (the division) to establish a training program for the purpose of educating employees of an emergency shelter of the homeless on: (1) the services provided by the division, including, but not limited to, mobile response and stabilization, care management, family support, and other therapeutic and support services for youth with emotional and behavioral challenges, substance use challenges, and intellectual and developmental disabilities; and (2) how to assist parents and youth in accessing the services provided by the division outlined in the substitute.

As used in the committee substitute, "emergency shelter for the homeless" means a building or structure in which a public entity or a private, nonprofit organization provides shelter, or food and shelter, to individuals and families having neither a home nor the means to obtain a home or other temporary lodging.

Under the committee substitute's provisions, the training program is to be made available to employees of an emergency shelter for the homeless in a manner determined by the division, and to be updated on a regular basis as may be appropriate.

The division is also required to develop educational and informational materials concerning the services it offers for youth with emotional and behavioral challenges, substance use challenges, and intellectual and development disabilities. The information contained in the educational and informational materials is to be made available to the public on the division's Internet website, both in print and in a digital format that can be easily printed from the website, and updated as necessary.