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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
213th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes task force to preserve original Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital main building.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing a task force to ensure the preservation of the
2 original Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital main building.

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

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7 1. a. There is established a task force in the Department of
8 Human Services, which shall develop a plan to ensure the
9 preservation of the original Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital
10 main building in the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, Morris
11 County.

12 b. The task force shall consist of 11 members as follows:

13 (1) the Commissioners of Human Services and Environmental
14 Protection; the State Treasurer; the Mayor of the Township of
15 Parsippany-Troy Hills, Morris County; the Director of the Board of
16 Chosen Freeholders of Morris County; and the Chief Executive
17 Officer of the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital; or their
18 designees; who shall serve *ex officio*; and

19 (2) five public members, who shall be appointed by the
20 Governor no later than the 60th day after the effective date of this
21 act, as follows: one person who is a member of the Morris County
22 Historical Society; one person who is currently employed as a
23 professional architect and has demonstrated familiarity with the
24 history and architectural features of the original Greystone Park
25 Psychiatric Hospital main building; one person upon the
26 recommendation of the Mental Health Association in New Jersey;
27 one person who is a former patient at the original Greystone Park
28 Psychiatric Hospital; and one person who is a resident of Morris
29 County or an adjacent county and is identified as being actively
30 engaged in advocating for the preservation of the original Greystone
31 Park Psychiatric Hospital main building.

32 Vacancies in the membership of the task force shall be filled in
33 the same manner provided for the original appointments.

34 c. The Commissioner of Human Services or the commissioner's
35 designee shall serve as chairperson of the task force. The task force
36 shall organize as soon as practicable following the appointment of
37 its members and shall select a vice-chairperson from among the
38 members. The chairperson shall appoint a secretary who need not
39 be a member of the task force.

40 d. The public members shall serve without compensation, but
41 shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
42 performance of their duties and within the limits of funds available
43 to the task force.

44 e. The task force shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
45 avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county or
46 municipal department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it
47 may require and as may be available to it for its purposes.

48 f. The task force may meet and hold hearings at the places it

1 designates during the sessions or recesses of the Legislature.

2 g. The Department of Human Services shall provide staff
3 support to the task force.

4 h. The task force shall report its plan for ensuring the
5 preservation of the original Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital
6 main building, to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to
7 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), no later than six
8 months after the initial meeting of the task force.

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10 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
11 the issuance of the task force report.

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STATEMENT

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16 This bill establishes a task force in the Department of Human
17 Services to develop a plan to ensure the preservation of the original
18 Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital main building in the Township
19 of Parsippany-Troy Hills, Morris County.

20 The bill provides specifically as follows:

21 • The task force is to consist of 11 members as follows:

22 -- the Commissioners of Human Services and Environmental
23 Protection, the State Treasurer; the Mayor of Parsippany-Troy Hills,
24 the Director of the Morris County Freeholder Board, and the Chief
25 Executive Officer of the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital, or
26 their designees, as ex officio members; and

27 -- five public members, appointed by the Governor no later than
28 the 60th day after the effective date of the bill, as follows: one
29 person who is a member of the Morris County Historical Society,
30 one person who is currently employed as a professional architect
31 and has demonstrated familiarity with the history and architectural
32 features of the original Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital main
33 building, one person upon the recommendation of the Mental
34 Health Association in New Jersey, one person who is a former
35 patient at the original Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital, and one
36 person who is a resident of Morris County or an adjacent county
37 and is identified as being actively engaged in advocating for the
38 preservation of the original Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital
39 main building.

40 • Vacancies in the membership of the task force are to be filled in
41 the same manner provided for the original appointments.

42 • The Commissioner of Human Services or the commissioner's
43 designee is to serve as chairperson of the task force. The task
44 force is to organize as soon as practicable following the
45 appointment of its members and to select a vice-chairperson from
46 among the members. The chairperson will appoint a secretary
47 who need not be a member of the task force.

48 • The Department of Human Services is to provide staff support to

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1 the task force.

- 2 • The task force is to report its plan for ensuring the preservation of
3 the original Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital main building to
4 the Governor and the Legislature, no later than six months after
5 the initial meeting of the task force.
6 • The bill expires upon the issuance of the task force report.