New Legislation Establishes New Jersey Public Health Institute



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On April 22, 2025, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy signed a new law that calls for the establishment of a Public Health Institute (PHI) in New Jersey. Under the new law, a nonprofit entity will be formed to serve as the PHI for the purpose of promoting public health initiatives, including coordinating local, state, and national agencies, providing support to public and private health agencies, and developing new programs designed to improve public health outcomes. Additionally, the new law requires the creation of a new "Public Health Institute Fund" to support the work of the PHI.

The creation of the PHI is, at least in part, a response to New Jersey's experience during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to State Senator Joseph Vitale, a primary sponsor of the new law, the PHI will streamline coordination among healthcare services and community members, allowing the State to combat longstanding disparities in the provision of healthcare services more efficiently.

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