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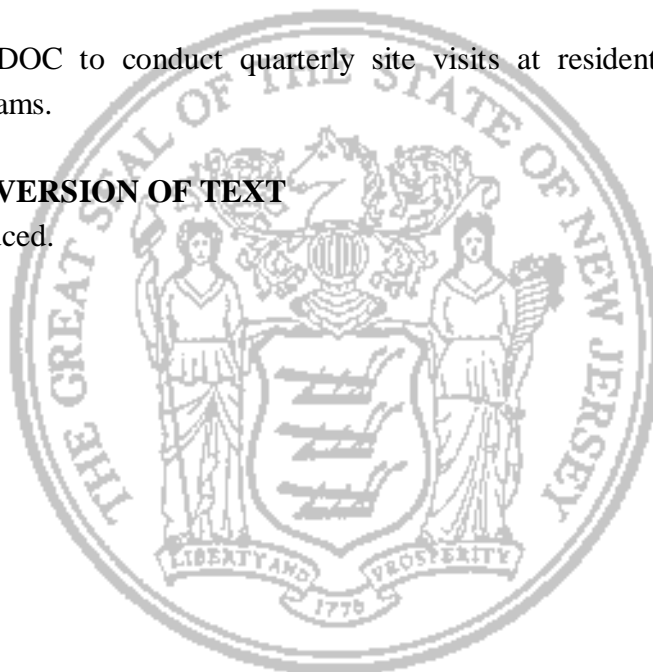
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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOC to conduct quarterly site visits at residential community release programs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning residential community release programs and
2 supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. The Commissioner of Corrections shall conduct quarterly
8 scheduled and unscheduled site visits at the residential community
9 release programs, including the assessment and treatment centers,
10 for the purpose of monitoring contract performance and the
11 implementation of corrective action by the vendors, if necessary.
12 The residential community release program vendors shall not be
13 advised of the dates and times of the unscheduled site visits.

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15 2. The Commissioner of Corrections, pursuant to the
16 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
17 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the
18 provisions of this act.

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20 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
21 following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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26 This bill requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to
27 conduct quarterly scheduled and unscheduled site visits at the
28 residential community release programs, also known as halfway
29 houses.

30 Specifically, under the provisions of this bill, the DOC is
31 required to conduct quarterly scheduled and unscheduled site visits
32 at the halfway houses, including the assessment and treatment
33 centers. The halfway house vendors cannot be advised of the dates
34 or times of the unscheduled site visits.

35 The purpose of the site visits is to monitor the halfway house
36 vendors’ performance of the terms of the contract entered into
37 between the State and the vendors and to monitor the
38 implementation of any corrective action taken by the vendors, if
39 necessary.

40 This bill is in response to testimony heard by the Assembly Law
41 and Public Safety Committee on July 23, 2012 concerning oversight
42 and accountability of this State’s halfway houses.