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On March 23, 2026, the New Jersey Assembly passed [Assembly Bill 4075](#), which would authorize the New Jersey Department of Health to take steps to seek participation in the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN), a World Health Organization-coordinated international technical network that supports the detection of and response to infectious disease outbreaks. The Bill permits the Department to engage in communications, coordination, and information-sharing activities necessary to pursue participation in GOARN, while expressly providing that nothing in the Bill shall be construed to confer membership upon the State in the World Health Organization, authorize actions that conflict with federal law, permit the disclosure of confidential health information, or require the expenditure of funds beyond those otherwise available.

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