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SYNOPSIS

Establishes defibrillator grant program in DHSS for placement of defibrillators in senior citizen centers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT establishing a defibrillator grant program to place
2 defibrillators in senior citizen centers and supplementing Title
3 2A of the New Jersey Statutes.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. a. There is hereby established in the Division of Aging and
9 Community Services in the Department of Health and Senior
10 Services an automated external defibrillator grant program for the
11 purpose of providing a municipality or county in the State with
12 financial assistance for the purchase of an automated external
13 defibrillator, as defined in section 2 of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-
14 24), for placement of an automated external defibrillator in a senior
15 citizen center within its jurisdiction or to reimburse a municipality
16 or county for public funds, other than State funds, that have been
17 expended for the purchase of an automated external defibrillator
18 that was placed in a senior citizen center within its jurisdiction.

19 b. The department shall establish procedures for counties and
20 municipalities to apply for financial assistance for the purchase of
21 an automated external defibrillator under this act. The procedures
22 may require a municipality or county that applies for a grant to
23 provide matching funds of up to, but not more than, the amount of
24 the grant awarded.

25 c. The department shall collaborate with the Director of the
26 Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the
27 Treasury who shall contract with a manufacturer of automated
28 external defibrillators to obtain the best price available.

29 d. The Legislature shall appropriate such funds as may be
30 necessary for the implementation of this act.
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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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35 STATEMENT
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37 This bill would establish in the Division of Aging and
38 Community Services in the Department of Health and Senior
39 Services (DHSS) a defibrillator grant program for the purpose of
40 providing a municipality or county in the State with financial
41 assistance for the purchase of an automated external defibrillator for
42 placement of an automated external defibrillator in a senior citizen
43 center within its jurisdiction. The bill also would allow financial
44 assistance to reimburse a municipality or county for public funds,
45 other than State funds, that have been expended for the purchase of
46 an automated external defibrillator that was placed in a senior
47 citizen center within its jurisdiction.

48 "Automated external defibrillator" is defined in the bill using the

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1 definition in N.J.S.A. 2A:62A-24, a medical device heart monitor
2 and defibrillator that: has received approval of its pre-market
3 notification filed pursuant to 21 U.S.C. s.360 (k) from the United
4 States Food and Drug Administration; is capable of recognizing the
5 presence or absence of ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular
6 tachycardia, and is capable of determining, without intervention by
7 an operator, whether defibrillation should be performed; and upon
8 determining that defibrillation should be performed, automatically
9 charges and requests delivery of an electrical impulse to an
10 individual's heart.

11 Under the bill's provisions, DHSS would establish procedures for
12 counties and municipalities to apply for financial assistance for the
13 purchase of an automated external defibrillator. The procedures
14 may require a municipality or county that applies for a grant to
15 provide matching funds of up to, but not more than, the amount of
16 the grant awarded.

17 In addition, DHSS would collaborate with the Director of the
18 Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the
19 Treasury who must contract with a manufacturer of automated
20 external defibrillators to obtain the best price available.

21 Lastly, the bill provides that the Legislature shall appropriate
22 such funds as may be necessary for the implementation of the bill.