

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2055

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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes Prostate Cancer Awareness, Education and Research Program in DHSS; appropriates \$1 million.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/8/1999)

1 AN ACT establishing a Prostate Cancer Awareness, Education and  
2 Research Program, supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes  
3 and making an appropriation.

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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. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall establish  
9 a Prostate Cancer Awareness, Education and Research Program to  
10 provide the following: support for prostate cancer medical research;  
11 physician education and awareness; and patient education and  
12 screening services, particularly for members of minority groups. The  
13 program shall be established in accordance with accepted public health  
14 practice and recommendations of the federal Centers for Disease  
15 Control and Prevention, and within the limits of available resources.

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17 2. a. There is created a 15-member Prostate Cancer Advisory  
18 Commission, which shall consist of: the Commissioner of Health and  
19 Senior Services or his designee; two members of the Senate, to be  
20 appointed by the President of the Senate, who shall not be of the same  
21 political party; two members of the General Assembly, to be appointed  
22 by the Speaker of the General Assembly, who shall not be of the same  
23 political party; and 10 public members, including physicians and  
24 prostate cancer survivors, to be appointed by the Governor, with the  
25 advice and consent of the Senate.

26 Legislative members shall serve during their terms of office. Public  
27 members shall serve for a term of three years from the date of their  
28 appointment and until their successors are appointed and qualified;  
29 except that of the first appointments made: two shall be for a term of  
30 one year, four for two years, and four for three years.

31 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
32 appointments were made.

33 Members shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to  
34 reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of  
35 their duties.

36 The advisory commission shall organize as soon as may be  
37 practicable after the appointment of its members and shall select a  
38 chairman from among its members and a secretary who need not be a  
39 member of the commission.

40 b. The commission shall advise the Commissioner of Health and  
41 Senior Services regarding development and operation of the Prostate  
42 Cancer Awareness, Education and Research Program and shall assist  
43 in an evaluation of the program.

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45 3. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, pursuant to  
46 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et

1 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of  
2 this act.

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4 4. There is appropriated \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the  
5 Department of Health and Senior Services to effectuate the purposes  
6 of this act. The funds shall be allocated as follows: \$600,000 for  
7 prostate cancer medical research; \$150,000 for physician education  
8 and awareness; and \$250,000 for patient education and screening  
9 services, of which \$150,000 shall be allocated for patient education  
10 and screening for minority groups.

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12 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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17 This bill establishes a Prostate Cancer Awareness, Education and  
18 Research Program in the Department of Health and Senior Services  
19 to provide the following: support for prostate cancer medical research;  
20 physician education and awareness; and patient education and  
21 screening services, particularly for members of minority groups.

22 The bill creates a 15-member Prostate Cancer Advisory  
23 Commission, which shall consist of: the Commissioner of Health and  
24 Senior Services or his designee; two members of the Senate, to be  
25 appointed by the President of the Senate, who shall not be of the same  
26 political party; two members of the General Assembly, to be appointed  
27 by the Speaker of the General Assembly, who shall not be of the same  
28 political party; and 10 public members, including physicians and  
29 prostate cancer survivors, to be appointed by the Governor with the  
30 advice and consent of the Senate. The advisory commission shall  
31 advise the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services regarding  
32 development and operation of the Prostate Cancer Awareness,  
33 Education and Research Program and assist in an evaluation of the  
34 program.

35 Additionally, the bill appropriates \$1,000,000 from the General  
36 Fund to the Department of Health and Senior Services to be allocated  
37 as follows: \$600,000 for prostate cancer medical research; \$150,000  
38 for physician education and awareness; \$250,000 for patient education  
39 and screening services, of which \$100,000 is allocated for patient  
40 education and screening for minority groups.