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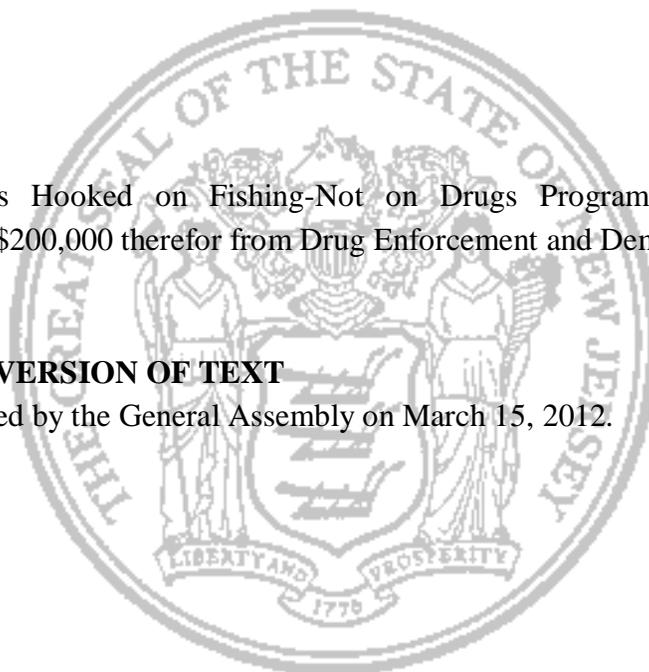
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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs Program in DEP and appropriates \$200,000 therefor from Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the General Assembly on March 15, 2012.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/22/2012)**

1 AN ACT establishing a Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs Program,  
2 supplementing Title 23 of the Revised Statutes and making an  
3 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. a. There is established in the Department of Environmental  
9 Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife, a Hooked on Fishing-Not  
10 on Drugs Program, which shall be based on a national program  
11 developed by the Future Fisherman Foundation that encourages  
12 school-aged children to avoid drug usage by providing alternative  
13 activities that involve learning to fish, appreciating aquatic and  
14 environmental resources, and developing positive life skills. The  
15 division shall assign <sup>1</sup>**['at least one full-time']** staff <sup>1</sup>**['person']** to  
16 develop strategies for assisting school districts or other interested  
17 public service organizations in implementing this program  
18 throughout the State. Statewide program implementation shall be  
19 modeled after the pilot program implemented in Ocean County in  
20 calendar year 2000, which <sup>1</sup>**['shall']** may<sup>1</sup> include, but not be limited  
21 to, the distribution of materials to promote and operate the program  
22 throughout the State. To the maximum extent possible, the division  
23 shall implement and operate the program in every county in the  
24 State.

25 b. The division <sup>1</sup>**['shall']** may<sup>1</sup> work with educational, public  
26 safety and environmental groups in order to promote volunteerism  
27 among these groups for the purpose of acting as program  
28 instructors, mentors or advisors. The division <sup>1</sup>**['shall']** may<sup>1</sup> also  
29 work with public service organizations, sportsman groups and local  
30 merchants to encourage the donation of technical, material and  
31 financial assistance to the program.  
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33 2. The division shall collect and maintain data on the Hooked  
34 on Fishing-Not on Drugs Program and provide an annual report to  
35 the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-  
36 19.1), including information on the number of school districts or  
37 municipalities that have implemented the program and the number  
38 of pupils that are participating in the program. The report shall also  
39 include information on the effectiveness of the program in terms of  
40 drug usage avoidance or incidents among participating students.  
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42 3. The Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt,  
43 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
44 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), such rules and regulations as may be

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **['thus']** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted March 15, 2012.

1 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

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3 4. There is appropriated the sum of \$200,000 from the Drug  
4 Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund, established pursuant to  
5 N.J.S.2C:35-15, to the Department of Environmental Protection to  
6 fund the cost of implementing the Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs  
7 Program established pursuant to this act. The Legislature, to the  
8 extent possible, shall ensure that sufficient appropriations from the  
9 Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund ~~'[are included~~  
10 every year in the annual appropriations act] or any other  
11 appropriate source are provided annually<sup>1</sup> to maintain the operation  
12 of the program.

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14 5. This act shall take effect immediately.