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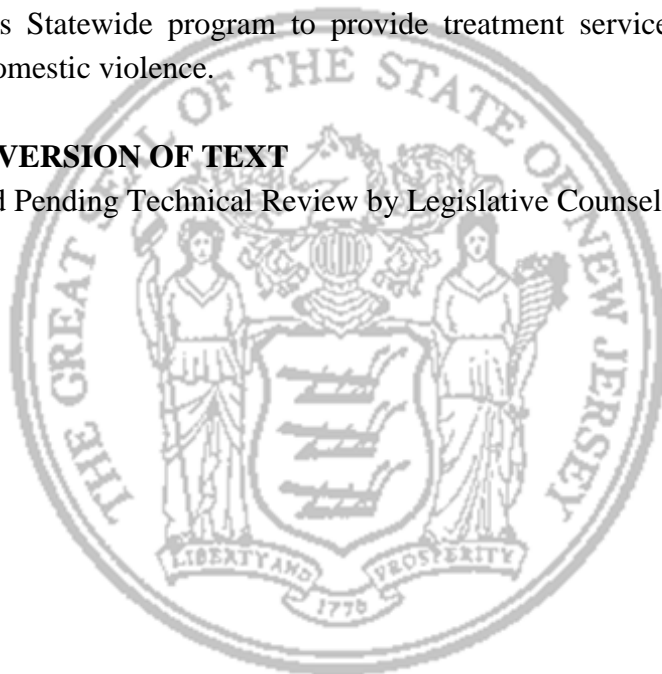
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Assemblywoman Downey, Assemblyman McKeon and Assemblywoman  
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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes Statewide program to provide treatment services for children exposed to domestic violence.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning domestic violence and supplementing Title 30  
2 of New Jersey 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. a. The Department of Children and Families shall establish  
8 and maintain a Statewide evidence-based program to provide treatment  
9 services for children and their family members exposed to domestic  
10 violence.

11 b. The department shall provide grants to providers for  
12 developing and implementing therapeutic treatment, counseling, and  
13 supportive services to those children and their family members who  
14 have been exposed to domestic violence.

15 c. The department shall assign staff to develop strategies for  
16 assisting providers in implementing this program throughout the State.  
17 The department shall monitor the implementation of the program by  
18 requiring participating organizations to maintain accurate records  
19 concerning the levels of service, referral activity, and overall program  
20 management.

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22 2. The department shall collect and maintain data on the  
23 program established and maintained by the department pursuant to  
24 section 1 of this act and provide an annual report to the Governor  
25 and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
26 (C.52:14-19.1), including information on the number of counties or  
27 municipalities that have implemented the program and the number  
28 of participants in the program. The report shall also include  
29 information on the effectiveness of the program.

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31 3. The Department of Children and Families may adopt,  
32 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
33 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), such rules and regulations as may be  
34 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

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36 4. There shall be appropriated from the General Fund such  
37 funds as are necessary to implement the provisions and to effectuate  
38 the purposes of this act as shall be included in any general or  
39 supplemental appropriation act.

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41 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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46 This bill requires the Department of Children and Families  
47 ("DCF") to establish and maintain a Statewide therapeutic treatment  
48 program for the children and families of domestic violence victims.

1 The bill requires that the department establish and maintain a  
2 Statewide evidence-based program to provide treatment services for  
3 children and their family members exposed to domestic violence.

4 The bill provides that DCF shall provide grants to providers for  
5 developing and implementing therapeutic treatment, counseling, and  
6 supportive services to those children and their family members who  
7 have been exposed to domestic violence.

8 The bill further provides that DCF will collect and maintain data  
9 on the program established by this bill and provide a report to the  
10 Governor and Legislature which would include (1) information on the  
11 number of counties or municipalities that have implemented the  
12 program; (2) the number of participants in the program; and (3)  
13 information on the effectiveness of the program.

14 The bill requires DCF to assign staff to develop strategies for  
15 assisting the providers in implementing the program throughout the  
16 State. DCF would also monitor the implementation of the program by  
17 requiring the participating organizations to maintain accurate records  
18 concerning the levels of service, referral activity, and overall program  
19 management.

20 The bill provides that there would be appropriated from the  
21 General Fund such funds as are necessary to implement the provisions  
22 and to effectuate the purposes of the bill as shall be included in any  
23 general or supplemental appropriation act.

24 The bill embodies, in part, recommendation 8 of the Report of the  
25 Supreme Court Ad Hoc Committee on Domestic Violence issued June  
26 2016.