

ASSEMBLY, No. 552

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblywoman TURNER

1 AN ACT establishing a "Parenting for All Parents Pilot Program" and
2 supplementing Title 26 of the Revised 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. There is established a "Parenting for All Parents Pilot Program"
8 in the Department of Health. The Commissioner of Health shall
9 promulgate guidelines for the creation of a two-year pilot program in
10 three counties in the State. The program shall be located in the
11 northern, central and southern regions in the State and shall be
12 available to new parents in these regions.

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14 2. The parenting program shall be designed to: assist individuals in
15 developing skills necessary to become effective parents; provide
16 useable information on child development and concrete, sensible
17 advice concerning practical problems faced by all parents; and dispel
18 persisting myths about parenthood and assist parents to face their roles
19 realistically.

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21 3. The commissioner shall apply for and accept any grant of money
22 from the federal government, private foundations or other sources,
23 which may be available for parenting training programs.

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25 4. Within six months of the expiration of this act, the commissioner
26 shall report to the Legislature and the Governor on the effectiveness
27 of the program.

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29 5. This act shall take effect on the 60th day following enactment
30 and shall expire two years thereafter.

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22 Establishes "Parenting for All Parents Pilot Program" in DOH.