

ASSEMBLY, No. 1210

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Assemblyman AUGUSTINE

1 AN ACT establishing the New Jersey Employee Assistance Advisory
2 Committee and supplementing P.L.1989, c.51 (C.26:2BB-1 et
3 seq.).

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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. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New Jersey
9 Employee Assistance Advisory Committee Act."

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11 2. There is established in but not of the Governor's Council on
12 Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, established pursuant to section 2 of
13 P.L.1989, c.51 (C.26:2BB-2), the New Jersey Employee Assistance
14 Advisory Committee.

15 a. The committee shall consist of 17 members who shall be
16 representatives of the following, selected for their knowledge and
17 experience with employee assistance plans: five from the business
18 community; two from organized labor; three from State, county and
19 municipal governments; three from the alcoholism and drug abuse
20 treatment community; and, four from organizations of certified
21 employee assistance professionals.

22 b. The members of the advisory committee shall be selected as
23 follows: the Governor shall select five members, three from State,
24 county and municipal governments and two from the alcoholism and
25 drug abuse treatment community; the President of the Senate shall
26 select six members, two from the business community, two from
27 organizations of certified employee assistance professionals, one from
28 the alcoholism and drug abuse community, and one from organized
29 labor; and the Speaker of the Assembly shall select six members, three
30 from the business community, two from organizations of certified
31 employee assistance professionals and one from organized labor.
32 Vacancies in the membership of the committee shall be filled in the
33 same manner as the original selections.

34 c. The committee shall organize by electing a chairman and
35 vice-chairman from among its members, and a secretary who need not
36 be a member.

37 d. The members of the committee shall receive no compensation

1 for their services, but shall be reimbursed for their expenses incurred
2 in the discharge of their duties.

3 e. The committee shall meet at least four times during each year,
4 and at such other times as shall be deemed appropriate at the call of
5 the chairman or at the request of three other members.

6 f. The committee shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail
7 itself of the services of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and
8 Drug Abuse and the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in the
9 Department of Health, both of which shall also provide administrative,
10 secretarial and consultant services to the committee.

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12 3. The Employee Assistance Advisory Committee shall promote
13 the awareness, development, implementation and utilization of
14 employee assistance plans throughout the State, and shall be charged
15 with, but not limited to, the following duties:

16 a. Develop an action plan to stimulate and initiate employee
17 assistance programs throughout the State;

18 b. Review, assess and coordinate the provision of employee
19 assistance at the State and local level; and

20 c. Work with the Department of Personnel to develop training
21 programs and referral networks, and to ensure that relevant
22 department policies are implemented.

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24 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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29 "New Jersey Employee Assistance Advisory Committee Act."