

ASSEMBLY, No. 2040

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning alcohol and drug abuse prevention resource
2 centers, amending P.L.1990, c.41 and P.L.1983, c.531 and making
3 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. Section 2 of P.L.1990, c.41 (C.54:43-1.1) is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 2. Beginning on July 1, [1992] 1996, there shall annually be
11 deposited in the Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement
12 Fund established pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1983, c.531
13 (C.26:2B-32), the sum of [\$11,000,000] \$13,908,000 of the tax
14 collected annually pursuant to the "Alcoholic beverage tax law,"
15 R.S.54:41-1 et seq.
16 (cf: P.L.1990, c.41, s.2)
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18 2. Section 3 of P.L.1983, c.531 (C.26:2B-32) is amended to read
19 as follows:

20 3. An Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund is
21 established as a nonlapsing, revolving fund in a separate account in the
22 Department of Health. The fund shall be credited from July 1, 1990
23 through June 30, 1991, with 27.6% of the tax revenues, and from July
24 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992, with 53.3% of the tax revenues,
25 collected pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1980, c.62 (C.54:32C-3), the
26 amount thereof to be dedicated 75% to rehabilitation, 15% to
27 enforcement and 10% to education, and the fund thereafter shall be
28 annually credited with the amount of tax revenues collected from the
29 alcoholic beverage tax as is provided in section 2 of P.L.1990, c.41
30 (C.54:43-1.1), which amount shall be dedicated 75% to rehabilitation,
31 15% to enforcement and 10% to education.

32 However, moneys in the fund shall first be allocated to the
33 Department of Health for the purpose of providing a Statewide system
34 of prevention resource centers, to be allocated in an amount equal to

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 \$0.25 per capita or \$100,000, whichever amount is greater, for each
2 county in the State. Prevention resource center functions shall
3 include, but not be limited to, the provision of training, technical
4 assistance, resource and film libraries, dissemination of educational
5 materials and advocacy. An additional amount from the fund equal to
6 \$0.05 per capita for the State as a whole shall be used for the
7 coordination of prevention resource center activities and the provision
8 of Statewide information, a Statewide addiction news journal and
9 advocacy functions. The Department of Health shall contract with
10 qualified nonprofit organizations to provide the services and any
11 organization receiving moneys pursuant to this paragraph shall comply
12 with any standards of operation, drug and alcohol abuse program
13 initiatives that focus on underserved and high risk populations, and
14 matching requirements that shall be established by the Commissioner
15 of Health, after consultation with the Governor's Council on
16 Alcoholism and Drug Abuse created pursuant to section 2 of
17 P.L.1989, c.51 (C.26:2BB-2).

18 Interest received on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the
19 fund. Pursuant to the formula set forth in section 5 of this act, moneys
20 appropriated pursuant to law shall only be distributed to the counties
21 by the Department of Health, without the assessment of administrative
22 costs, to develop and implement an annual comprehensive plan for the
23 treatment of alcoholics and drug abusers and for expenditures
24 according to the dedications provided herein.

25 (cf: P.L.1990, c.41, s.4).

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27 3. (New section) There is appropriated \$2,908,000 from the
28 Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund to the
29 Department of Health for grants to develop, implement, coordinate
30 and maintain a Statewide network of prevention resource centers to
31 act as training, technical assistance and education material distributors
32 to other professionals and organizations providing alcohol, tobacco
33 and other drug prevention services and to provide certain other
34 Statewide information services.

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36 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1996.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill will provide for the development, implementation and
42 maintenance of a Statewide network of prevention resource centers to
43 serve the public and substance abuse professionals.

44 The bill will provide \$2,908,000 in funds to appropriate nonprofit
45 organizations for prevention resource center activities and other
46 Statewide prevention and information activities beginning in Fiscal

1 Year 1997. The bill increases the amount of funding from the
2 "Alcoholic beverage tax law," from \$11,000,000 to \$13,908,000 that
3 is dedicated to the Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement
4 Fund. It provides that the moneys in the fund shall first be allocated
5 by the Department of Health to an organization or organizations, in an
6 amount equal to \$0.25 per capita, or \$100,000, whichever amount is
7 greater, for prevention resource center services, and an amount equal
8 to \$0.05 per capita for Statewide prevention and information services.
9 Presently, the moneys in the fund are dedicated 75% to rehabilitation,
10 15% to enforcement and 10% to education.

11 The moneys in the bill would be provided to an agency or agencies
12 on the condition that they comply with the Department of Health's
13 requirements for standards of operation, matching funds, and program
14 initiatives for underserved and high risk populations.

15 Finally, the bill appropriates \$2,908,000 from the Alcohol
16 Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund to the Department of
17 Health for grants to develop, implement, coordinate and maintain a
18 Statewide network of prevention resource centers and to provide
19 certain other Statewide information services.

20 The bill takes effect on July 1, 1996.

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25 Establishes Statewide network of prevention resource centers by
26 allocation of certain alcoholic beverage taxes; appropriates
27 \$2,908,000.