

SENATE, No. 1533

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 3, 1996

By Senator EWING

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] 1997 there shall annually be
11 deposited in the Alcoholic 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 and Senior Services. The fund shall be credited
23 from July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991, with 27.6% of the tax
24 revenues, and from July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992, with 53.3%
25 of the tax revenues, collected pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1980, c.62
26 (C.54:32C-3), the amount thereof to be dedicated 75% to
27 rehabilitation, 15% to enforcement and 10% to education, and the
28 fund thereafter shall be annually credited with the amount of tax
29 revenues collected from the alcoholic beverage tax as is provided in
30 section 2 of P.L.1990, c.41 (C.54:43-1.1), which amount shall be
31 dedicated 75% to rehabilitation, 15% to enforcement and 10% to
32 education. However, monies in the fund shall first be allocated to the
33 Department of Health and Senior Services for distribution to member
34 councils of the New Jersey Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

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 Inc., in an amount equal to \$0.25 per capita, or \$100,000, whichever
2 amount is greater, for each county in which a member council is
3 located or operating. The New Jersey Council on Alcoholism and
4 Drug Abuse, Inc., shall receive an additional amount from the fund
5 equal to \$0.05 per capita for the State. The Statewide council and any
6 member council receiving moneys pursuant to this paragraph shall
7 comply with any standards of operation, drug and alcohol abuse
8 program initiatives that focus on under-served and high-risk
9 populations, and matching requirements that shall be established by the
10 Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, after consultation with
11 the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse created
12 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1989, c.51 (C.26:2BB-2).

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

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

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23 3. (New section) There is appropriated \$2,908,000 from the
24 Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund to the
25 Department of Health and Senior Services for grants to the New
26 Jersey Council of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Inc., and member
27 councils pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1983, c.531 (C.26:2B-32). The
28 purpose of the grants is to develop, implement and maintain a
29 Statewide network of prevention resource centers to act as training,
30 technical assistance and education material distributors to other
31 professionals and organizations providing alcohol, tobacco, and other
32 drug prevention services.

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34 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1997.

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STATEMENT

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

42 The bill will provide \$2,908,000 in funds to the county-based
43 member councils and the Statewide council in Fiscal Year 1998. The
44 bill increases the amount of funding from the "Alcoholic beverage tax
45 law," from \$11,000,000 to \$13,908,000 that is dedicated to the
46 Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund, and

1 provides that the monies in the fund shall first be allocated for grants
2 to member councils in an amount equal to \$0.25 per capita, or
3 \$100,000, whichever amount is greater, and to the Statewide council
4 in an amount equal to \$.05 per capita (\$393,950) for the State.
5 Presently, the monies in the fund are dedicated 75% to rehabilitation,
6 15% to enforcement and 10% to education.

7 The monies in the bill would be provided to the State council and
8 its member councils on the condition that they comply with the
9 requirements of the Department of Health and Senior Services for: (1)
10 standards of operation (2) matching funds, and (3) program initiatives
11 for under-served and high-risk populations.

12 Presently, there are 19 county-based councils on alcoholism and
13 drug abuse in the State. The county councils provide information,
14 referral and intervention assistance to those in need of help for alcohol
15 or other drug related problems. The State and county councils also
16 operate a 24-hour toll-free information and referral hotline. Presently,
17 the county-based councils each receive grants of \$75,000 a year from
18 the Department of Health and Senior Services from federal Alcohol,
19 Drug Abuse and Mental Health block grant funds. The State council
20 is also funded by the federal block grant.

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