

SENATE, No. 2165

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 12, 1997

By Senator EWING

1 AN ACT concerning drug and alcohol abuse and amending P.L.1983,
2 c.531.

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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. Section 3 of P.L.1983, c.531 (C.26:2B-32) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 3. An Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund is
10 established as a nonlapsing, revolving fund in a separate account in the
11 Department of Health and Senior Services. The fund shall be credited
12 from July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991, with 27.6% of the tax
13 revenues, and from July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992, with 53.3%
14 of the tax revenues, collected pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1980, c.62
15 (C.54:32C-3), the amount thereof to be dedicated 75% to
16 rehabilitation, 15% to enforcement and 10% to education, and the
17 fund thereafter shall be annually credited with the amount of tax
18 revenues collected from the alcoholic beverage tax as is provided in
19 section 2 of P.L.1990, c.41 (C.54:43-1.1), which amount shall be
20 dedicated 75% to rehabilitation, 15% to enforcement and 10% to
21 education. Interest received on moneys in the fund shall be credited
22 to the fund. Pursuant to the formula set forth in section 5 of this act,
23 moneys appropriated pursuant to law shall only be distributed to the
24 counties by the Department of Health and Senior Services, without the
25 assessment of administrative costs, to develop and implement an
26 annual comprehensive plan for the treatment of alcoholics and drug
27 abusers and for expenditures according to the dedications provided
28 herein.

29 In addition to the amount annually credited to the fund as provided
30 in this section, the department shall also annually distribute to the
31 counties, pursuant to the formula set forth in section 5 of P.L.1983,
32 c.531 and without the assessment of administrative costs, any fund
33 balance at the end of each fiscal year exceeding \$100,000. Such
34 moneys shall only be used by the counties for the treatment of

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 alcoholics and drug abusers and shall not be used for administrative
2 costs.

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

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5 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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10 The Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement fund was
11 established by P.L.1983, c.531 as a nonlapsing, revolving fund in the
12 Department of Health and Senior Services. The fund is annually
13 credited with moneys from the tax collected pursuant to the "Alcoholic
14 beverage tax law," R.S.54:41-1 et seq., as well as moneys from other
15 fees. The majority of these moneys are distributed to counties for
16 educational and rehabilitative services and programs for alcoholics and
17 drug abusers, pursuant to approval of the counties' annual
18 comprehensive plans for the provision of these services.

19 This bill provides that in addition to the amount annually dedicated
20 from the Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund for
21 the treatment of alcoholics and drug abusers, any moneys remaining in
22 the fund at the end of each fiscal year, in excess of \$100,000, would
23 also be distributed to counties for treatment purposes, without the
24 assessment of administrative costs.

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29 Dedicates balances in Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and
30 Enforcement Fund to drug and alcohol abuse treatment.