# ASSEMBLY, No. 1727 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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#### **SYNOPSIS**

Establishes pilot program in certain municipalities to make grants available to non-profit organizations to perform outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking.

## CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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AN ACT establishing a pilot program in certain municipalities to
 make grants available to non-profit organizations to perform
 outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking.

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**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

8 1. a. The Department of Law and Public Safety shall establish 9 a three-year pilot program to make grants available to non-profit 10 organizations to perform outreach in the community and deliver services to victims of human trafficking in conjunction with law 11 12 enforcement agencies, the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, and other victims' rights organizations. The pilot program shall be 13 14 established in the six urban municipalities with the highest crime 15 index in this State, according to the most recent Uniform Crime Report prepared by the New Jersey Division of State Police and in 16 17 six municipalities that are located near ports and have significant 18 minority populations, as determined by the Attorney General. 19 Application to the pilot program shall be made on forms and pursuant to procedures prescribed by the department. 20

b. The department shall submit a report evaluating the implementation and operation of the pilot program to the Governor and, pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature within 90 days after the completion of the pilot program. The report shall recommend whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or made permanent.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
30 the filing of the report required pursuant to subsection b. of section
31 1 of P.L., c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
32 bill).

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#### STATEMENT

This bill establishes a pilot program in certain municipalities to
make grants available to non-profit organizations to perform
outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking.

40 Specifically, under the provisions of this bill, the Department of 41 Law and Public Safety is required to establish a three-year pilot 42 program to make grants available to non-profit organizations to 43 perform outreach in the community and deliver services to victims 44 of human trafficking in conjunction with law enforcement agencies, 45 the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, and other victims' 46 rights organizations.

47 The pilot program is to be established in six urban municipalities48 with the highest crime index in this State, according to the most

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1 recent Uniform Crime Report prepared by the New Jersey Division

2 of State Police and in six municipalities that are located near ports

3 and have significant minority populations, as determined by the

4 Attorney General.

5 Finally, the bill requires the department to submit a report 6 evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot program to the Governor 7 and the Legislature within 90 days after the completion of the pilot 8 program. The report is to recommend whether the pilot program

9 should be continued, expanded, or made permanent.