

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

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ASSEMBLY, No. 4154

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 21, 2023

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Establishes New Jersey Center for Study and Prevention of Suicide at Rutgers School of Public Health; appropriates \$500,000.
- Type of Impact:** Annual State expenditure increase; annual expenditure and revenue increases to Rutgers, The State University.
- Agencies Affected:** Rutgers, The State University

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2 & Thereafter</u>
State Expenditure Increase	\$500,000	Subject to appropriation by the State
Rutgers Revenue Increase	At least \$500,000	Subject to appropriation by the State
Rutgers Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that this bill would increase State expenditures by \$500,000 in the first year the bill is in effect to fund the activities of the New Jersey Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide. State costs thereafter to support the research and related activities of the center are indeterminate. The bill appropriates \$500,000 to Rutgers to carry out the provisions of this bill.
- The bill would concurrently result in a first-year revenue increase of \$500,000 for Rutgers. The school's annual expenditures will also increase to establish the center, conduct research, recruit and provide specialized training for new researchers, and, at its discretion, administer a grant program. It is anticipated that any additional out year funding to support the center will be determined by the annual appropriation acts.
- The OLS notes that Rutgers and possibly other State agencies may incur some administrative expenses under the bill.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes the New Jersey Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide at the Rutgers School of Public Health. The purpose of the center is to research the causes of suicide, as well as prevention and reduction measures. The center is to conduct research and derive scientific evidence on which sound suicide prevention policies and programs may be based. The center's research is to include the following: (1) the nature of suicide, including individual and societal determinants of suicide; (2) the individual, community, and societal consequences of suicide; and (3) treatment for suicidal thoughts at the individual, community, and societal levels.

The bill requires the center to work on a continuing basis with State policymakers and recruit and provide training opportunities for new researchers. Additionally, the bill permits the center to administer a grant program for research on suicide. The bill appropriates \$500,000 to Rutgers, The State University.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

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The OLS notes that Rutgers and possibly other State agencies may incur some administrative expenses under the bill. The bill requires various State agencies like the Department of Health, the Department of Law and Public Safety, and the Department of Human Services to provide the data necessary for the center to conduct its research if requested. The Rutgers School of Public Health will also incur some additional costs to prepare the required report one year from the establishment of the center and every five years thereafter.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).