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SYNOPSIS

Amends Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations act to increase appropriation from “Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund” to DOH for certain grant purposes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT amending the Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations act,
2 P.L.2018, c.53.

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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. The following language provision in section 1 of P.L.2018,
8 c.53, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2019, is amended
9 to read as follows:

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46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

20 Physical and Mental Health

23 Mental Health and Addiction Services

4290 Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services

GRANTS-IN-AID

11 There is appropriated **[\$1,000,000]** \$2,000,000 from the “Drug
12 Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund” to the Department
13 of Health for a grant to Partnership for a Drug-Free New
14 Jersey.
15 (cf: P.L.2018, c.53, s.1)

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17 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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20 STATEMENT

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22 This bill amends the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year
23 (FY) 2019 to increase the amount appropriated from the “Drug
24 Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund” to the Department of
25 Health for a grant to the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey. A
26 language provision in the enacted FY 2019 appropriations act
27 provided that \$1 million was to be appropriated from the Fund to
28 the department for a grant to Partnership for a Drug-Free New
29 Jersey, and this bill, if enacted, would double that amount to
30 provide for a total appropriation of \$2 million.

31 New Jersey continues to battle an opioid crisis that is impacting
32 all of its counties. Deaths from drug overdose and administrations
33 of naloxone are at record highs, and in 2014, the State ranked sixth
34 in the nation for the rate of emergency room visits due to opioid
35 abuse or overdose. In 2015, there was a drug-related death every
36 5.5 hours in the State. The Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey
37 provides public awareness campaigns and educational programs,
38 through media, public health, and workplace initiatives that are
39 essential to save lives and combat this crisis.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.