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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates $450,000 for Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs Program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.

AN ACT appropriating $450,000 from the "Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund" for the Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs Program.

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

1. There is appropriated the sum of $450,000 from the "Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund," established pursuant to subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:35-15 to the Department of Environmental Protection to fund the cost of implementing the Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs Program established pursuant to P.L.2012, c.46 (C.23:2-13 et seq.). The Legislature, to the extent possible, shall ensure that sufficient appropriations from the "Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund" or any other appropriate source are provided annually to maintain the operation of the program.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The bill appropriates $450,000 to the Department of Environmental Protection to fund the cost of implementing the Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs Program. The money would be appropriated from the "Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund," a statutory account established to receive fines and penalties from convicted drug offenders that are used to support State-authorized drug and alcohol abuse abatement programs. The bill encourages the Legislature to appropriate sufficient funding annually from the "Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund" or any other appropriate source to maintain the operation of the program in future years.