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**District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)**

**SYNOPSIS**

"Integrated Co-occurring Treatment Facility Construction Bond Act," authorizes bonds for \$100,000,000 for facilities that treat substance abuse and psychiatric disorders, and appropriates \$5,000.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** authorizing the creation of a debt of the State of New  
2 Jersey by the issuance of bonds of the State in the aggregate  
3 principal amount of \$100,000,000 for the purpose of construction,  
4 reconstruction, development, extension, improvement, and furnishing  
5 of integrated co-occurring treatment facilities; providing the  
6 ways and means to pay and discharge the principal of and  
7 interest on the bonds; providing for the submission of this act to  
8 the people at a general election; and making an appropriation  
9 therefor.

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

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14 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Integrated  
15 Co-occurring Treatment Facility Construction Bond Act.”

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17 2. The Legislature finds and declares:

18 a. Substance abuse is the most common and clinically  
19 significant co-occurring disorder among adults with serious mental  
20 illness.

21 b. Among the 8.9 million adults with a mental illness and a  
22 substance use disorder in the United States in 2016, 44 percent  
23 received substance use treatment or mental health treatment, 13.5  
24 percent received both mental health treatment and substance use  
25 treatment, and 37.6 percent did not receive any treatment.

26 c. The consequences of undiagnosed, untreated, or undertreated  
27 co-occurring disorders can lead to a higher likelihood of  
28 experiencing homelessness, incarceration, medical illnesses,  
29 suicide, or early death.

30 d. Research demonstrates that individuals receiving services in  
31 integrated co-occurring treatment facilities were more successful than  
32 individuals in non-integrated facilities in the following areas: reduced  
33 substance use, improvement in psychiatric symptoms and functioning,  
34 decreased hospitalization, increased housing stability, fewer arrests,  
35 and improved quality of life.

36 e. The integrated treatment facilities located in New Jersey  
37 lack the capacity to meet the needs of adult residents who struggle  
38 with mental health issues and substance abuse disorders, putting the  
39 health and livelihood of these individuals at risk.

40 f. Therefore, the construction, expansion, and furnishing of  
41 integrated co-occurring treatment facilities is of critical importance for  
42 the State in order to continue to effectively address substance abuse  
43 among its residents.

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45 3. As used in this act:

46 “Bonds” mean the bonds authorized to be issued, or issued,  
47 under this act.

48 “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Health.

1       “Construct” and “construction” mean the planning, erecting, altering,  
2       expanding, repairing, purchasing, acquiring, improving, developing,  
3       constructing, reconstructing, extending, rehabilitating, renovating,  
4       upgrading, demolishing, and equipping of integrated co-occurring  
5       treatment facilities.

6       “Cost” means the expenses incurred in connection with: the  
7       acquisition by purchase, lease, or otherwise, the development, and  
8       the construction of any project authorized under this act; the  
9       acquisition by purchase, lease, or otherwise, the development of any  
10      real or personal property for use in connection with a project  
11      authorized by this act, including any rights to interest therein; the  
12      execution of any agreements and franchises deemed by the  
13      department to be necessary or useful and convenient in connection  
14      with any project authorized pursuant to section 5 of this act; the  
15      procurement or provision of engineering, inspection, planning,  
16      legal, financial, or other professional services, estimates, studies,  
17      reports, or advice, including the services of a bond registrar or an  
18      authenticating agent; feasibility studies; the issuance of bonds, or  
19      any interest or discount thereon; the administrative, organizational,  
20      operating, or other expenses incident to the financing and  
21      completing of any project authorized by this act; the establishment  
22      of a reserve fund or funds for working capital, operating,  
23      maintenance, or replacement expenses and for the payment or  
24      security of principal or interest on bonds, as the Director of the  
25      Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the  
26      Treasury may determine; and reimbursement to any fund of the  
27      State of moneys which may have been transferred or advanced  
28      therefrom to any fund created by this act, or of any moneys which  
29      may have been expended therefrom for, or in connection with, any  
30      project authorized by this act.

31      “Department” means the Department of Health or any agency or  
32      department successor to its power and responsibilities.

33      “Geographic region” means one of the following regions of the  
34      State: the southern region encompassing the counties of Atlantic,  
35      Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and  
36      Salem; the central region encompassing the counties of Hunterdon,  
37      Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Somerset; and the  
38      northern region encompassing those counties remaining in the State.

39      “Government securities” means any bonds or other obligations  
40      which as to principal and interest constitute direct obligations of, or  
41      are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America,  
42      including obligations of any federal agency, to the extent those  
43      obligations are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of  
44      America, and any certificates or any other evidences of an  
45      ownership interest in those obligations of, or unconditionally  
46      guaranteed by, the United States of America or in specified portions  
47      which may consist of the principal of, or the interest on, those  
48      obligations.

1       “Integrated co-occurring treatment facility” means an inpatient or  
2       outpatient facility licensed by the department to provide treatment  
3       services, in the same location, for both substance abuse disorders and  
4       psychiatric disorders that are delivered by a multidisciplinary team,  
5       utilizing a bio-psychosocial approach, and includes such facilities as:  
6       acute care hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, outpatient facilities,  
7       residential detoxification facilities, and any other providers that  
8       meet this definition as determined by the commissioner.

9       “Mental health practitioner” means a clinical social worker,  
10      marriage and family therapist, alcohol and drug counselor,  
11      professional counselor, psychologist, or psychoanalyst licensed or  
12      otherwise authorized to practice pursuant to Title 45 of the Revised  
13      Statutes.

14      “Project” means the establishment and construction of, and the  
15      acquisition of equipment for, an integrated co-occurring treatment  
16      facility or the expansion and construction of additional facilities at,  
17      and the acquisition of additional and upgraded equipment for, an  
18      existing integrated co-occurring treatment facility or the renovation or  
19      expansion of an existing co-occurring outpatient treatment facility, and  
20      the acquisition of additional and upgraded equipment, for the purpose  
21      of integrating primary medical care that is funded pursuant to a grant  
22      issued under this act.

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24      4. The commissioner shall adopt, pursuant to the  
25      “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
26      seq.), rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions  
27      of this act. The commissioner shall review and consider the  
28      findings and recommendations of the commission in the  
29      administration of the provisions of this act.

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31      5. a. Bonds of the State of New Jersey are authorized to be  
32      issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$100,000,000 to be  
33      allocated as grants for the costs of integrated co-occurring treatment  
34      facility projects.

35      b. Procedures for the review and approval of, and eligibility  
36      criteria for, grants issued pursuant to subsection a. of this section  
37      shall be established by the commissioner, in collaboration with  
38      county mental health boards and local advisory commissions on  
39      alcoholism and drug abuse, and must include:

40      (1) Evidence that the applicant has assessed and would meet  
41      gaps in behavioral and substance abuse treatment needs in their  
42      geographic region;

43      (2) A commitment by applicants to serve persons who are  
44      publically funded;

45      (3) A commitment by the applicant to maintain the facility for at  
46      least a ten-year period;

47      (4) The date upon which structural modifications or construction  
48      would begin and the anticipated date of completion of the project;

1 (5) A detailed estimate of the costs associated with the project.

2 (6) A staffing plan that includes recruitment and training  
3 procedures for mental health practitioners and any other staff  
4 members licensed or otherwise authorized to practice pursuant to  
5 Title 45 of the Revised Statutes employed at the facility.

6 The commissioner shall prepare a priority list of eligible projects  
7 based upon the criteria established pursuant to this section. The  
8 commissioner shall ensure that the priority list of eligible projects  
9 provides for an equal distribution of grant awards to the geographic  
10 regions of the State. Funds shall be appropriated by the Legislature  
11 only in accordance with the priority list.

12 c. For any project approved by the Legislature which is financed  
13 by bonds set forth in this section, the grant award shall support 100  
14 percent of the cost of the project.

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16 6. The bonds authorized under this act shall be serial bonds,  
17 term bonds, or a combination thereof, and shall be known as  
18 “Integrated Co-occurring Treatment Facility Construction Bonds.”  
19 They shall be issued from time to time as the issuing officials herein  
20 named shall determine and may be issued in coupon form,  
21 fully-registered form or book-entry form. The bonds may be  
22 subject to redemption prior to maturity and shall mature and be paid  
23 not later than 35 years from the respective dates of their issuance.

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25 7. The Governor, the State Treasurer and the Director of the  
26 Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the  
27 Treasury, or any two of these officials, herein referred to as “the  
28 issuing officials,” are authorized to carry out the provisions of this  
29 act relating to the issuance of bonds, and shall determine all matters  
30 in connection therewith, subject to the provisions of this act. If an  
31 issuing official is absent from the State or incapable of acting for  
32 any reason, the powers and duties of that issuing official shall be  
33 exercised and performed by the person authorized by law to act in  
34 an official capacity in the place of that issuing official.

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36 8. Bonds issued in accordance with the provisions of this act  
37 shall be a direct obligation of the State of New Jersey, and the faith  
38 and credit of the State are pledged for the payment of the interest  
39 and redemption premium thereon, if any, when due, and for the  
40 payment of the principal thereof at maturity or earlier redemption  
41 date. The principal of and interest on the bonds shall be exempt  
42 from taxation by the State or by any county, municipality, or other  
43 taxing district of the State.

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45 9. The bonds shall be signed in the name of the State by means  
46 of the manual or facsimile signature of the Governor under the  
47 Great Seal of the State, which seal may be by facsimile or by way  
48 of any other form of reproduction on the bonds, and attested by the

1 manual or facsimile signature of the Secretary of State, or an  
2 Assistant Secretary of State, and shall be countersigned by the  
3 facsimile signature of the Director of the Division of Budget and  
4 Accounting in the Department of the Treasury and may be manually  
5 authenticated by an authenticating agent or bond registrar, as the  
6 issuing official shall determine. Interest coupons, if any, attached  
7 to the bonds shall be signed by the facsimile signature of the  
8 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the  
9 Department of the Treasury. The bonds may be issued  
10 notwithstanding that an official signing them or whose manual or  
11 facsimile signature appears on the bonds or coupons has ceased to  
12 hold office at the time of issuance, or at the time of the delivery of  
13 the bonds to the purchaser thereof.

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15 10. a. The bonds shall recite that they are issued for the  
16 purposes set forth in section 5 of this act, that they are issued  
17 pursuant to this act, that this act was submitted to the people of the  
18 State at the general election next occurring at least 70 days after  
19 enactment as specified in section 23 of this act, and that this act was  
20 approved by a majority of the legally qualified voters of the State  
21 voting thereon at the election. This recital shall be conclusive  
22 evidence of the authority of the State to issue the bonds and their  
23 validity. Any bonds containing this recital shall, in any suit, action  
24 or proceeding involving their validity, be conclusively deemed to be  
25 fully authorized by this act and to have been issued, sold, executed,  
26 and delivered in conformity herewith and with all other provisions  
27 of laws applicable hereto, and shall be incontestable for any cause.

28 b. The bonds shall be issued in those denominations and in the  
29 form or forms, whether coupon, fully-registered or book-entry, and  
30 with or without provisions for interchangeability thereof, as may be  
31 determined by the issuing officials.

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33 11. When the bonds are issued from time to time, the bonds of  
34 each issue shall constitute a separate series to be designated by the  
35 issuing officials. Each series of bonds shall bear such rate or rates  
36 of interest as may be determined by the issuing officials, which  
37 interest shall be payable semiannually; except that the first and last  
38 interest periods may be longer or shorter, in order that intervening  
39 semiannual payments may be at convenient dates.

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41 12. The bonds shall be issued and sold at the price or prices and  
42 under the terms, conditions, and regulations as the issuing officials  
43 may prescribe, after notice of the sale, published at least once in at  
44 least three newspapers published in this State, and at least once in a  
45 publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily  
46 to financial news, published in this State or in the city of New York,  
47 the first notice to appear at least five days prior to the day of  
48 bidding. The notice of sale may contain a provision to the effect

1 that any bid in pursuance thereof may be rejected. In the event of  
2 rejection or failure to receive any acceptable bid, the issuing  
3 officials, at any time within 60 days from the date of the advertised  
4 sale, may sell the bonds at a private sale at such price or prices  
5 under the terms and conditions as the issuing officials may  
6 prescribe. The issuing officials may sell all or part of the bonds of  
7 any series as issued to any State fund or to the federal government  
8 or any agency thereof, at a private sale, without advertisement.

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10 13. Until permanent bonds are prepared, the issuing officials  
11 may issue temporary bonds in the form and with those privileges as  
12 to their registration and exchange for permanent bonds as may be  
13 determined by the issuing officials.

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15 14. The proceeds from the sale of bonds used to provide grants  
16 to integrated co-occurring treatment facilities as set forth in section 5  
17 shall be paid to the State Treasurer, shall be held by the State  
18 Treasurer in a separate fund, and shall be deposited in such  
19 depositories as may be selected by the State Treasurer to the credit  
20 of the fund, which fund shall be known as the "Integrated Co-  
21 occurring Treatment Facility Construction Fund."

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23 15. a. The moneys in the "Integrated Co-occurring Treatment  
24 Facility Construction Fund" are specifically dedicated and shall be  
25 allocated as grants for the costs of integrated co-occurring treatment  
26 facility projects, as set forth in section 5 of this act. However, no  
27 moneys in the fund shall be expended for those purposes, except as  
28 otherwise authorized by this act, without the specific appropriation  
29 thereof by the Legislature, but bonds may be issued as herein  
30 provided, notwithstanding that the Legislature shall not have then  
31 adopted an act making a specific appropriation of any of the  
32 moneys. Any act appropriating moneys from the "Integrated Co-  
33 occurring Treatment Facility Construction Fund" shall identify the  
34 project to be funded by the moneys.

35 b. At any time prior to the issuance and sale of bonds under  
36 this act, the State Treasurer is authorized to transfer from any  
37 available moneys in any fund of the treasury of the State to the  
38 credit of the "Integrated Co-occurring Treatment Facility Construction  
39 Fund" those sums as the State Treasurer may deem necessary. The  
40 sums so transferred shall be returned to the same fund of the  
41 treasury of the State by the State Treasurer from the proceeds of the  
42 sale of the first issue of bonds.

43 c. Pending their application to the purposes provided in this  
44 act, the moneys in the "Integrated Co-occurring Treatment Facility  
45 Construction Fund" may be invested and reinvested as are other  
46 trust funds in the custody of the State Treasurer, in the manner  
47 provided by law. Net earnings received from the investment,

1 reinvestment, or deposit of moneys in the “Integrated Co-occurring  
2 Treatment Facility Construction Fund” shall be paid into the General  
3 Fund.  
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5 16. If any coupon bond, coupon, or registered bond is lost,  
6 mutilated or destroyed, a new bond or coupon shall be executed and  
7 delivered of like tenor, in substitution for the lost, mutilated or  
8 destroyed bond or coupon, upon the owner furnishing to the issuing  
9 officials evidence satisfactory to them of the loss, mutilation, or  
10 destruction of the bond or coupon, the ownership thereof, and  
11 security, indemnity, and reimbursement for expenses connected  
12 therewith, as the issuing officials may require.  
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14 17. The accrued interest, if any, received upon the sale of the  
15 bonds shall be applied to the discharge of a like amount of interest  
16 upon the bonds when due. Any expense incurred by the issuing  
17 officials for advertising, engraving, printing, clerical,  
18 authenticating, registering, legal, or other services necessary to  
19 carry out the duties imposed upon them by the provisions of this act  
20 shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds by the State  
21 Treasurer, upon the warrant of the Director of the Division of  
22 Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury, in the  
23 same manner as other obligations of the State are paid.  
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25 18. Bonds of each series issued hereunder shall mature,  
26 including any sinking fund redemptions, not later than the 35th year  
27 from the date of issue of that series, and in amounts as shall be  
28 determined by the issuing officials. The issuing officials may  
29 reserve to the State by appropriate provision in the bonds of any  
30 series the power to redeem any of the bonds prior to maturity at the  
31 price or prices and upon the terms and conditions as may be  
32 provided in the bonds.  
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34 19. Any bond or bonds issued hereunder which are subject to  
35 refinancing pursuant to the “Refunding Bond Act of 1985,”  
36 P.L.1985, c.74 as amended by P.L.1992, c.182 (C.49:2B-1 et seq.),  
37 shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding, shall no longer  
38 constitute a direct obligation of the State of New Jersey, and the  
39 faith and credit of the State shall no longer be pledged to the  
40 payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and  
41 interest on the bonds, and the bonds shall be secured solely by and  
42 payable solely from moneys and government securities deposited in  
43 trust with one or more trustees or escrow agents, which trustees and  
44 escrow agents shall be trust companies or national or state banks  
45 having powers of a trust company, located either within or without  
46 the State, as provided herein, whenever there shall be deposited in  
47 trust with the trustees or escrow agents, as provided herein, either  
48 moneys or government securities, including government securities

1 issued or held in book-entry form on the books of the Department of  
2 Treasury of the United States, the principal of and interest on which  
3 when due will provide money which, together with the moneys, if  
4 any, deposited with the trustees or escrow agents at the same time,  
5 shall be sufficient to pay when due the principal of, redemption  
6 premium, if any, and interest due and to become due on the bonds  
7 on or prior to the redemption date or maturity date thereof, as the  
8 case may be; provided the government securities shall not be  
9 subject to redemption prior to their maturity other than at the option  
10 of the holder thereof. The State of New Jersey hereby covenants  
11 with the holders of any bonds for which government securities or  
12 moneys shall have been deposited in trust with the trustees or  
13 escrow agents as provided in this section that, except as otherwise  
14 provided in this section, neither the government securities nor  
15 moneys so deposited with the trustees or escrow agents shall be  
16 withdrawn or used by the State for any purpose other than, and shall  
17 be held in trust for, the payment of the principal of, redemption  
18 premium, if any, and interest to become due on the bonds; provided  
19 that any cash received from the principal or interest payments on  
20 the government securities deposited with the trustees or escrow  
21 agents, to the extent the cash will not be required at any time for  
22 that purpose, shall be paid over to the State, as received by the  
23 trustees or escrow agents, free and clear of any trust, lien, pledge or  
24 assignment securing the bonds; and to the extent the cash will be  
25 required for that purpose at a later date, shall, to the extent  
26 practicable and legally permissible, be reinvested in government  
27 securities maturing at times and in amounts sufficient to pay when  
28 due the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest to  
29 become due on the bonds on and prior to the redemption date or  
30 maturity date thereof, as the case may be, and interest earned from  
31 the reinvestments shall be paid over to the State, as received by the  
32 trustees or escrow agents, free and clear of any trust, lien or pledge  
33 securing the bonds. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary  
34 contained herein: a. the trustees or escrow agents shall, if so  
35 directed by the issuing officials, apply moneys on deposit with the  
36 trustees or escrow agents pursuant to the provisions of this section,  
37 and redeem or sell government securities so deposited with the  
38 trustees or escrow agents, and apply the proceeds thereof to (1) the  
39 purchase of the bonds which were refinanced by the deposit with  
40 the trustees or escrow agents of the moneys and government  
41 securities and immediately thereafter cancel all bonds so purchased,  
42 or (2) the purchase of different government securities; provided  
43 however, that the moneys and government securities on deposit  
44 with the trustees or escrow agents after the purchase and  
45 cancellation of the bonds or the purchase of different government  
46 securities shall be sufficient to pay when due the principal of,  
47 redemption premium, if any, and interest on all other bonds in  
48 respect of which the moneys and government securities were

1 deposited with the trustees or escrow agents on or prior to the  
2 redemption date or maturity date thereof, as the case may be; and b.  
3 in the event that on any date, as a result of any purchases and  
4 cancellations of bonds or any purchases of different government  
5 securities, as provided in this sentence, the total amount of moneys  
6 and government securities remaining on deposit with the trustees or  
7 escrow agents is in excess of the total amount which would have  
8 been required to be deposited with the trustees or escrow agents on  
9 that date in respect of the remaining bonds for which the deposit  
10 was made in order to pay when due the principal of, redemption  
11 premium, if any, and interest on the remaining bonds, the trustees or  
12 escrow agents shall, if so directed by the issuing officials, pay the  
13 amount of the excess to the State, free and clear of any trust, lien,  
14 pledge or assignment securing the refunding bonds.

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16 20. Refunding bonds issued pursuant to P.L.1985, c.74 as  
17 amended by P.L.1992, c.182 (C.49:2B-1 et seq.) may be  
18 consolidated with bonds issued pursuant to section 5 of this act or  
19 with bonds issued pursuant to any other act for purposes of sale.

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21 21. To provide funds to meet the interest and principal payment  
22 requirements for the bonds and refunding bonds issued under this  
23 act and outstanding, there is appropriated in the order following:

24 a. Revenue derived from the collection of taxes under the  
25 "Sales and Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.), or so  
26 much thereof as may be required; and

27 b. If, at any time, funds necessary to meet the interest,  
28 redemption premium, if any, and principal payments on outstanding  
29 bonds issued under this act are insufficient or not available, there  
30 shall be assessed, levied and collected annually in each of the  
31 municipalities of the counties of this State, a tax on the real and  
32 personal property upon which municipal taxes are or shall be  
33 assessed, levied and collected, sufficient to meet the interest on all  
34 outstanding bonds issued hereunder and on the bonds proposed to  
35 be issued under this act in the calendar year in which the tax is to be  
36 raised and for the payment of bonds falling due in the year  
37 following the year for which the tax is levied. The tax shall be  
38 assessed, levied and collected in the same manner and at the same  
39 time as are other taxes upon real and personal property. The  
40 governing body of each municipality shall cause to be paid to the  
41 county treasurer of the county in which the municipality is located,  
42 on or before December 15 in each year, the amount of tax herein  
43 directed to be assessed and levied, and the county treasurer shall  
44 pay the amount of the tax to the State Treasurer on or before  
45 December 20 in each year.

46 If on or before December 31 in any year, the issuing officials, by  
47 resolution, determine that there are moneys in the General Fund  
48 beyond the needs of the State, sufficient to pay the principal of

1 bonds falling due and all interest and redemption premium, if any,  
2 payable in the ensuing calendar year, the issuing officials shall file  
3 the resolution in the office of the State Treasurer, whereupon the  
4 State Treasurer shall transfer the moneys to a separate fund to be  
5 designated by the State Treasurer, and shall pay the principal,  
6 redemption premium, if any, and interest out of that fund as the  
7 same shall become due and payable, and the other sources of  
8 payment of the principal, redemption premium, if any, and interest  
9 provided for in this section shall not then be available, and the  
10 receipts for the year from the tax specified in subsection a. of this  
11 section shall be considered and treated as part of the General Fund,  
12 available for general purposes.

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14 22. Should the State Treasurer, by December 31 of any year,  
15 deem it necessary, because of the insufficiency of funds collected  
16 from the sources of revenues as provided in this act, to meet the  
17 interest and principal payments for the year after the ensuing year,  
18 then the State Treasurer shall certify to the Director of the Division  
19 of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury the  
20 amount necessary to be raised by taxation for those purposes, the  
21 same to be assessed, levied and collected for and in the ensuing  
22 calendar year. The director shall, on or before March 1 following,  
23 calculate the amount in dollars to be assessed, levied and collected  
24 in each county as herein set forth. This calculation shall be based  
25 upon the corrected assessed valuation of each county for the year  
26 preceding the year in which the tax is to be assessed, but the tax  
27 shall be assessed, levied and collected upon the assessed valuation  
28 of the year in which the tax is assessed and levied. The director  
29 shall certify the amount to the county board of taxation and the  
30 treasurer of each county. The county board of taxation shall include  
31 the proper amount in the current tax levy of the several taxing  
32 districts of the county in proportion to the ratables as ascertained for  
33 the current year.

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35 23. For the purpose of complying with the provisions of the  
36 State Constitution, this act shall be submitted to the people at the  
37 general election next occurring at least 70 days after enactment. To  
38 inform the people of the contents of this act, it shall be the duty of  
39 the Secretary of State, after this section takes effect, and at least 60  
40 days prior to the election, to cause this act to be published at least  
41 once in one or more newspapers of each county, if any newspapers  
42 be published therein and to notify the clerk of each county of this  
43 State of the passage of this act; and the clerks respectively, in  
44 accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of State, shall  
45 have printed on each of the ballots the following:

46 If you approve of the act entitled below, make a cross (x), plus  
47 (+), or check ( ✓ ) mark in the square opposite the word "Yes."

1        If you disapprove of the act entitled below, make a cross (x),  
2 plus (+), or check ( ✓ ) mark in the square opposite the word "No."  
3        If voting machines are used, a vote of "Yes" or "No" shall be  
4 equivalent to these markings respectively.  
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| YES | <p>INTEGRATED CO-OCCURRING TREATMENT FACILITY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT</p> <p>Do you approve the “Integrated Co-occurring Treatment Facility Construction Bond Act”? This bond act authorizes the State to issue bonds in the amount of \$100 million. The proceeds of the bonds will be used to provide grants to integrated co-occurring treatment facilities. The grants will be used to construct, expand, and equip integrated co-occurring treatment facilities in order to increase patient capacity.</p>                                                                         |
| NO  | <p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>Approval of this act would allow the State to issue \$100 million in bonds to provide grants to integrated co-occurring treatment facilities. These facilities provide treatment services, in the same location, for both substance abuse disorders and psychiatric disorders. The Department of Health licenses these facilities. Moneys from the sale of the bonds would be use to provide grants to build, expand, and equip these facilities. The Commissioner of Health, with local entities, will set eligibility criteria for the grants.</p> |

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7        The fact and date of the approval or passage of this act, as the  
8 case may be, may be inserted in the appropriate place after the title  
9 in the ballot. No other requirements of law of any kind or character  
10 as to notice or procedure, except as herein provided, need be  
11 adhered to.  
12        The votes so cast for and against the approval of this act, by  
13 ballot or voting machine, shall be counted and the result thereof  
14 returned by the election officer, and a canvass of the election had in  
15 the same manner as is provided for by law in the case of the  
16 election of a Governor, and the approval or disapproval of this act  
17 so determined shall be declared in the same manner as the result of  
18 an election for a Governor, and if there is a majority of all the votes  
19 cast for and against it at the election in favor of the approval of this  
20 act, then all the provisions of this act not made effective theretofore  
21 shall take effect forthwith.

1       24. There is appropriated the sum of \$5,000 to the Department  
2 of State for expenses in connection with the publication of notice  
3 pursuant to section 23 of this act.  
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5       25. The commissioner shall submit to the State Treasurer and  
6 the commission with the department's annual budget request a plan  
7 for the expenditure of funds from the "Integrated Co-occurring  
8 Treatment Facility Construction Fund" for the upcoming fiscal year.  
9 This plan shall include the following information: a performance  
10 evaluation of the expenditures made from the funds to date; a  
11 description of programs planned during the upcoming fiscal year; a  
12 copy of the regulations in force governing the operation of  
13 programs that are financed, in part or in whole, by funds from the  
14 "Integrated Co-occurring Treatment Facility Construction Fund" and;  
15 and an estimate of expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year.  
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17       26. Immediately following the submission to the Legislature of  
18 the Governor's annual budget message, the commissioner shall  
19 submit to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
20 (C.52:14-19.1), and to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its  
21 successor, copies of the plan called for under section 25 of this act,  
22 together with such changes therein as may have been required by  
23 the Governor's budget message.  
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25       27. All appropriations from the "Integrated Co-occurring  
26 Treatment Facility Construction Fund" shall be by specific allocation  
27 for each project, and any transfer of any funds so appropriated shall  
28 require the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its  
29 successor.  
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31       28. This section and sections 23 and 24 of this act shall take  
32 effect immediately and the remainder of this act shall take effect as  
33 and when provided in section 23 of this act.  
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### 35 36 STATEMENT 37

38       This bill, entitled the "Integrated Co-occurring Treatment Facility  
39 Construction Bond Act," authorizes the issuance of \$100 million in  
40 State general obligation bonds to be used to provide grants to  
41 construct, expand, and equip integrated co-occurring treatment  
42 facilities. Under the bill, an integrated co-occurring treatment facility  
43 means an inpatient or outpatient facility licensed by the Department of  
44 Health to provide treatment services, in the same location, for both  
45 substance abuse disorders and psychiatric disorders that are delivered  
46 by a multidisciplinary team, utilizing a bio-psychosocial approach.  
47 The Commissioner of Health, in collaboration with county mental  
48 health boards and local advisory commissions on alcoholism and

1 drug abuse, is required to establish procedures for the review and  
2 approval of, and eligibility criteria for, the grants issued under the  
3 bill. The commissioner must further prepare a priority list of  
4 eligible projects and funds would be appropriated by the Legislature  
5 only in accordance with the established list.

6 The bill provides that the bond act is to be submitted to the  
7 people for approval at the general election to be held at least 70  
8 days after enactment and appropriates \$5,000 to the Department of  
9 State for expenses in connection with the publication of the public  
10 question.