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**SYNOPSIS**

Amends Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations act to provide \$25 million of Expanded Addiction Initiatives appropriation to services for individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/16/2020)**

1 AN ACT amending the Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations act,  
2 P.L.2019, c.150.

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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.2019,  
8 c.150, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2020, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

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**54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

***20 Physical and Mental Health***

***23 Mental Health and Addiction Services***

***7700 Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services***

**DIRECT STATE SERVICES**

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12 Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the  
13 contrary, the amount hereinabove appropriated for Expanded  
14 Addiction Initiatives shall be used to develop, support, and expand  
15 programs and services, including providing grants to entities  
16 providing such programs and services, that the Commissioner of  
17 Health, the Commissioner of Human Services, and the  
18 Commissioner of Children and Families determine to be most  
19 effective in directly addressing the Statewide public health crisis  
20 associated with substance use disorders, including opioid use  
21 disorder and mental health disorders co-occurring with substance  
22 use disorders, subject to the approval of the Director of the  
23 Division of Budget and Accounting. Such programs and services  
24 may include, but shall not be limited to, efforts to improve access  
25 to community-based behavioral health care, develop the State's  
26 anti-addiction infrastructure, support enhance integration of care,  
27 and address relevant social and economic factors; provided,  
28 however, that of the amount hereinabove appropriated, a minimum  
29 amount of \$25,000,000 shall be used to develop, support, and  
30 expand programs and services that serve individuals with co-  
31 occurring mental health disorders and substance use disorders in  
32 an integrated treatment setting. **【the】** The amount appropriated  
33 may be expended or transferred.

34 (cf: P.L.2019, c.150, s.1)

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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39 STATEMENT

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41 This bill amends the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year  
42 (FY) 2020 to provide that a minimum of \$25 million of the \$100

**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.

1 million Expanded Addiction Initiatives appropriation is used to  
2 develop, support, and expand programs and services that serve  
3 individuals with co-occurring mental health disorders and substance  
4 use disorders in an integrated treatment setting.

5     Among the 8.9 million adults with any mental health and a  
6 substance use disorder in the United States in 2016, 44 percent  
7 received substance use treatment or mental health treatment, 13.5  
8 percent received both mental health treatment and substance use  
9 treatment, and 37.6 percent did not receive any treatment. Research  
10 demonstrates that individuals receiving services in integrated co-  
11 occurring treatment facilities were more successful than individuals in  
12 non-integrated facilities in the following areas: reduced substance use,  
13 improvement in psychiatric symptoms and functioning, decreased  
14 hospitalization, increased housing stability, fewer arrests, and  
15 improved quality of life.

16     The services provided in New Jersey, as with the nation, lack the  
17 capacity to meet the existing needs of the State's adults with co-  
18 occurring disorders, putting the health and livelihood of residents  
19 who struggle with mental health and substance abuse disorders at  
20 risk. This bill aims to improve the State's ability to serve those  
21 residents by directing existing State funding to support services and  
22 programs for this population.