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SYNOPSIS

Amends Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations act to increase appropriation from “Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund” to DHS for certain grant purposes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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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46 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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 of
13 Human Services for a grant to Partnership for a Drug-Free New
14 Jersey.
15 (cf: P.L.2019, c.150, s.1)

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17 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill amends the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year
23 (FY) 2020 to increase the amount appropriated from the “Drug
24 Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund” to the Department of
25 Human Services for a grant to the Partnership for a Drug-Free New
26 Jersey. A language provision in the enacted FY 2020
27 appropriations act provided that \$1 million was to be appropriated
28 from the Fund to the department for a grant to Partnership for a
29 Drug-Free New Jersey, and this bill, if enacted, would double that
30 amount to 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. In 2017, the State recorded 12,640
34 drug-related hospital visits, up from 7,408 in 2015. Furthermore, in
35 2017, there was a drug-related death every 3.2 hours in the State.
36 The Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey provides public
37 awareness campaigns and educational programs, through media,
38 public health, and workplace initiatives that are essential to save
39 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.