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SYNOPSIS

Establishes Office of Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Use Control Policy to reduce incidence of substance use disorder and tobacco use.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning substance use disorder and supplementing Title
2 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. There is established the Office of Alcohol, Drug, and
8 Tobacco Use Control Policy within the Department of Health.

9 b. The Office of Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Use Control
10 Policy shall create a State alcohol, drug, and tobacco use control
11 policy in coordination with the advisory board established pursuant
12 to subsection d. of this section. This policy shall include programs
13 designed to reduce the incidence of substance use disorder and
14 tobacco use.

15 c. The Office of Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Use Control
16 Policy shall have the duty, power, and responsibility to:

17 (1) Develop a strategic plan to reduce the incidence of substance
18 use disorder and tobacco use;

19 (2) Monitor, coordinate, and oversee the collection of data
20 related to youth access to alcohol, drugs, and tobacco;

21 (3) Identify existing prevention programs in municipalities that
22 implement evidence-based programs for substance use disorder and
23 tobacco use education and prevention;

24 (4) Review existing research on substance use disorder and
25 tobacco use prevention, cessation, treatment, and recovery
26 programs;

27 (5) Establish a school-based initiative that connects schools with
28 local agencies and health departments to implement school-based
29 alcohol, drug, and tobacco education programs;

30 (6) Coordinate media campaigns designed to demonstrate the
31 negative impact of alcohol, drug, and tobacco use;

32 (7) Develop recommendations to improve communication
33 between health care providers and patients about the risks and
34 benefits of prescription opioids for acute pain;

35 (8) Develop recommendations to improve the safety and
36 effectiveness of acute pain treatment;

37 (9) Develop and implement a program that requires the
38 collection of data on the use of opioid overdose antidotes;

39 (10) Consistent with federal and State privacy laws, develop and
40 implement a program to collect data on drug overdoses;

41 (11) Publish on the Internet website of the Department of Health
42 information related to evidence-based, substance use disorder and
43 tobacco use prevention, cessation, treatment, and recovery
44 programs; and

45 (12) Apply for grants to fund programs established pursuant to
46 this section.

47 d. The Office of Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Use Control
48 Policy shall establish an advisory board to provide administrative

1 support to assist the office in the implementation of the provisions
2 of this act. The advisory board may include the following members
3 or their designees: (1) the chief law enforcement officer of the
4 municipality; (2) a member of the governing body of the
5 municipality; (3) a representative of a health care facility; (4) a
6 representative of a public school; and (5) three public members.

7 e. The Office of Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Use Control
8 Policy is authorized to call upon any department, office, division,
9 agency, or independent authority of State government to provide
10 such information, resources, or other assistance as the executive
11 director of the office deems necessary to discharge the duties and
12 functions of the office and to fulfill the responsibilities of the office
13 under this act. Each department, office, division, agency, or
14 independent authority of this State shall cooperate with the Office
15 of Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Use Control Policy and furnish the
16 office with the assistance necessary to accomplish the purposes of
17 this act.

18 f. The Office of Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Use Control
19 Policy shall annually report its findings and recommendations to the
20 Governor and to the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of
21 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1).

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23 2. a. The Office of Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Use Control
24 Policy shall be administered by an executive director, who shall be
25 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the
26 Senate.

27 b. The executive director shall be a person qualified by
28 education, training, and experience to perform the duties of the
29 office.

30 c. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the
31 Governor during the Governor's term of office and until the
32 appointment and qualification of the executive director's successor.

33 d. The executive director shall have the power to employ staff
34 within the limits of funds appropriated or made available for that
35 purpose, and shall have broad authority to coordinate
36 communication between, and request and receive information from,
37 any department, division, or agency of the State in furtherance of
38 the mission of the office.

39 e. The executive director shall devote full time to the duties
40 and responsibilities of the office, and shall receive a salary as shall
41 be provided by law.

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43 3. The Office of Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Use Control
44 Policy may adopt rules and regulations, in accordance with the
45 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
46 seq.), as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This bill establishes the Office of Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco
7 Use Control Policy (office) within the Department of Health to
8 reduce the incidence of substance use disorder and tobacco use.

9 Under the bill, the office is to create a State alcohol, drug, and
10 tobacco use control policy. The office is to: 1) develop a strategic
11 plan to reduce the incidence of substance use disorder and tobacco
12 use; 2) monitor, coordinate, and oversee the collection of data
13 related to youth access to alcohol, drugs, and tobacco; 3) identify
14 existing prevention programs in municipalities that implement
15 evidence-based programs for substance use disorder and tobacco
16 use education and prevention; 4) review existing research on
17 substance use disorder and tobacco use prevention, cessation,
18 treatment, and recovery programs; 5) establish a school-based
19 initiative that connects schools with local agencies and health
20 departments to implement school-based alcohol, drug, and tobacco
21 education programs; 6) coordinate media campaigns designed to
22 demonstrate the negative impact of alcohol, drug, and tobacco use;
23 7) develop recommendations to improve communication between
24 health care providers and patients about the risks and benefits of
25 prescription opioids for acute pain; 8) develop recommendations to
26 improve the safety and effectiveness of acute pain treatment; 9)
27 develop and implement a program that requires the collection of
28 data on the use of opioid overdose antidotes; 10) consistent with
29 federal and State privacy laws, develop and implement a program to
30 collect data on drug overdoses; and 11) publish on the Internet
31 website of the Department of Health information related to
32 evidence-based, substance use disorder and tobacco use prevention,
33 cessation, treatment, and recovery programs; and (12) apply for
34 grants to fund programs established pursuant to this bill.

35 The bill provides that the office is to establish an advisory board
36 to provide administrative support to assist the office in the
37 implementation of the provisions of this bill. The advisory board
38 may include the following members or their designees: (1) the
39 chief law enforcement officer of the municipality; (2) a member of
40 the governing body of the municipality; (3) a representative of a
41 health care facility; (4) a representative of a public school; and (5)
42 three public members.