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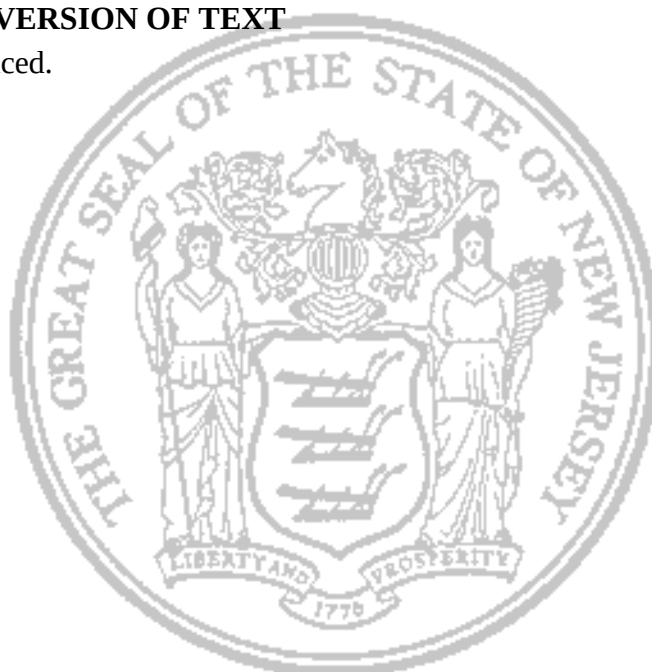
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes pilot program in certain municipalities to make grants available to non-profit organizations to perform outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/5/2021)

1 **AN ACT** establishing a pilot program in certain municipalities to
2 make grants available to non-profit organizations to perform
3 outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking.

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

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8 1. a. The Department of Law and Public Safety shall establish
9 a three-year pilot program to make grants available to non-profit
10 organizations to perform outreach in the community and deliver
11 services to victims of human trafficking in conjunction with law
12 enforcement agencies, the Victims of Crime Compensation Office,
13 and other victims' rights organizations. The pilot program shall be
14 established in the six urban municipalities with the highest crime
15 index in this State, according to the most recent Uniform Crime
16 Report prepared by the New Jersey Division of State Police and in
17 six municipalities that are located near ports and have significant
18 minority populations, as determined by the Attorney General.
19 Application to the pilot program shall be made on forms and
20 pursuant to procedures prescribed by the department.

21 b. The department shall submit a report evaluating the
22 implementation and operation of the pilot program to the Governor
23 and, pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
24 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature within 90 days after the
25 completion of the pilot program. The report shall recommend
26 whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or made
27 permanent.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
30 the filing of the report required pursuant to subsection b. of section
31 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
32 bill).

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill establishes a pilot program in certain municipalities to
38 make grants available to non-profit organizations to perform
39 outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking.

40 Specifically, under the provisions of this bill, the Department of
41 Law and Public Safety is required to establish a three-year pilot
42 program to make grants available to non-profit organizations to
43 perform outreach in the community and deliver services to victims
44 of human trafficking in conjunction with law enforcement agencies,
45 the Victims of Crime Compensation Office, and other victims'
46 rights organizations.

47 The pilot program is to be established in six urban municipalities
48 with the highest crime index in this State, according to the most

1 recent Uniform Crime Report prepared by the New Jersey Division
2 of State Police and in six municipalities that are located near ports
3 and have significant minority populations, as determined by the
4 Attorney General.

5 Finally, the bill requires the department to submit a report
6 evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot program to the Governor
7 and the Legislature within 90 days after the completion of the pilot
8 program. The report is to recommend whether the pilot program
9 should be continued, expanded, or made permanent.