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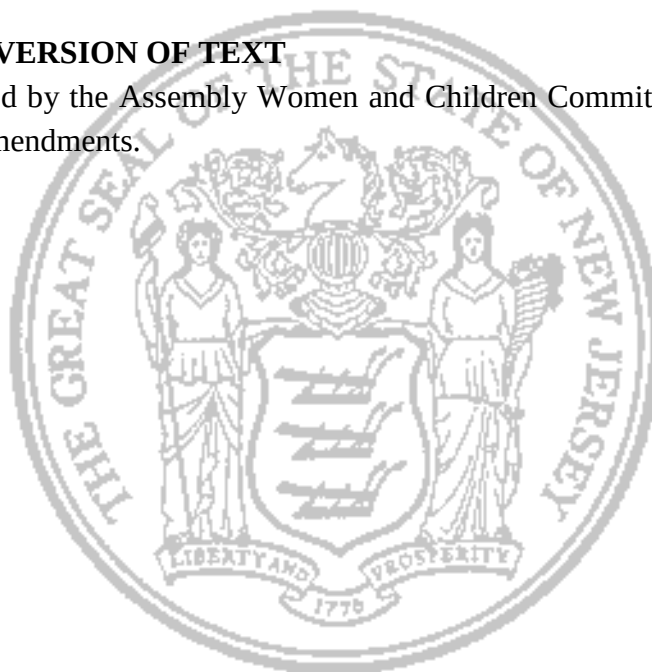
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes grant program in DCA to provide funding to youth mentoring programs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Women and Children Committee on May 12, 2021, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT establishing a grant program for certain mentoring
2 programs and supplementing Title 52 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. ¹**[As used in this act. “mentoring services” means a**
8 program administered by a duly incorporated non-profit
9 organization in which persons provide advice, support, opinion or
10 instruction to persons 21 years of age or younger in an effort to
11 direct that person’s judgment or conduct in a positive manner.

12 b. ¹**The Commissioner of Community Affairs, in consultation**
13 with the Attorney General, shall establish a program to provide
14 grants to organizations which ¹**[provide]** offer or seek to offer¹
15 mentoring services programs¹ as defined in ¹**[this section. The**
16 grant program shall be administered by the commissioner] P.L. ,

17 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).¹ Preference
18 shall be given to those ¹**[programs]** organizations¹ which ¹offer or
19 seek to offer programs that¹ provide youth with alternatives to
20 membership in or association with criminal street gangs.

21 ¹**[c.] b.**¹ An organization which elects to participate in the grant
22 program shall submit an application to the commissioner in ¹**[such]**
23 the¹ form ¹and manner¹ as prescribed by the commissioner. The
24 application shall outline¹; ¹the applicant’s ¹**[program or program]**¹
25 proposal¹**[,]** to offer existing or develop new mentoring services
26 programs;¹ sample activities¹**[,]** and¹ social service offerings¹**[,]**;
27 existing funds ¹available to the applicant for providing mentoring
28 services;¹ and the amount of the ¹applicant’s¹ grant request.

29 ¹**[d.] c.**¹ Based upon the application, and subject to the
30 availability of funds, the commissioner shall award a grant to each
31 approved grant applicant to ¹**[assist in establishing or maintaining**
32 **the]** offer existing or develop new¹ mentoring ¹**[program]**
33 programs¹. The commissioner, to the extent possible, shall
34 equitably distribute grant awards to successful applicants in ¹the¹
35 northern, central¹; ¹and southern ¹**[counties]** regions¹ of the State,
36 and shall ¹**[include programs in]** seek a cross section of approved
37 grant applicants from¹ urban, suburban and rural areas.

38 ¹**[e. Any mentoring]** d. Each¹ organization that is awarded a
39 grant ¹to offer existing or develop new mentoring services programs
40 pursuant to subsection b. of this section¹ shall ¹submit to the
41 commissioner on an annual basis, a¹ report ¹**[on an annual basis to**
42 **the commissioner]**¹ on the status of ¹**[its program]** the programs¹.
43 The report shall include, but not be limited to¹**[,]**;¹ information on
44 ¹the¹ number of participants¹**[, the hours of]** ; in the program;¹

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AWC committee amendments adopted May 12, 2021.

1 program ¹hours of¹ operation¹**1**;¹ regular program activities¹**1**,
2 and social service offerings;¹ and the number and qualifications of
3 program staff, including volunteers. The report shall be used by the
4 commissioner to evaluate future grant applications.

5 ¹**1**f. Pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,”
6 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) the commissioner may
7 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the
8 provisions of this act.**1**

9 e. As used in this section, “mentoring services programs”
10 means programs administered by a duly incorporated non-profit
11 organization to provide advice, support, opinion, or instruction to
12 persons 21 years of age or younger in an effort to direct that
13 person’s judgment or conduct in a positive manner.¹
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15 ¹2. Pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968,
16 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) the commissioner shall promulgate rules
17 and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.¹
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19 ¹**1**[2.] 3.¹ This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth
20 month after enactment¹**1**, but subsection f. of section 1 shall take
21 effect immediately¹**1**.