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SYNOPSIS

Requires federal funding to be made available to Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to support Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse if needed to offset unanticipated decrease in dedicated revenues.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning funding for the Governor’s Council on
2 Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to support the Alliance to Prevent
3 Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

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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. During State fiscal years 2022 and 2023, if insufficient
9 monies are available from the “Drug Enforcement and Demand
10 Reduction Fund,” established pursuant to N.J.S.2C:35-15, and the
11 amounts dedicated pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1993, c.216
12 (C.54:43-1.3) for the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug
13 Abuse to support the activities of the Alliance to Prevent
14 Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, as set forth in section 7 of P.L.1989,
15 c.51 (C.26:2BB-7), then to the extent permitted by federal law and
16 subject to appropriation by the Legislature, the Governor shall make
17 available such federal funding as is necessary to the Governor’s
18 Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, from the monies allocated
19 to the State under the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and
20 Economic Security (CARES) Act,” Pub.L.116-136, the federal
21 “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,” Pub.L.117-2, or any other
22 financial assistance provided by the federal government to address
23 the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, to support the activities of
24 the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on
27 June 30, 2023.

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30 STATEMENT

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32 This bill requires federal funding to be made available to the
33 Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (“GCADA”) to
34 support the Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
35 (“alliance”) if such monies are needed to offset unanticipated
36 decreases in dedicated State revenues during fiscal years 2022 and
37 2023.

38 Under current law, the GCADA administers the alliance, which
39 is a network of community-based coalitions that are dedicated to
40 fighting alcoholism and drug abuse. Through the alliance, the
41 GCADA awards grants to participating municipalities and counties
42 to help develop: (1) coordinated efforts involving schools, law
43 enforcement, and community organizations to reduce alcoholism
44 and drug abuse; (2) comprehensive drug abuse education programs
45 for students and parents; (3) procedures for the intervention and
46 treatment of students who abuse alcohol or drugs; and (4)
47 comprehensive alcoholism and drug abuse community awareness
48 programs.

1 The State currently dedicates monies from the “Drug
2 Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund” to support the activities
3 of the alliance. The monies deposited into this fund are collected as
4 surcharges from persons convicted of any crime or offense in this
5 State. The State also requires all monies collected under the
6 “Alcoholic beverage tax law,” R.S.54:41-1 et seq., from the holders
7 of a restricted brewery license to be dedicated to the GCADA for
8 the support of the alliance.

9 During fiscal years 2022 and 2023, this bill provides that if these
10 dedicated revenues are insufficient to support activities of the
11 alliance, then to the extent permitted by federal law and subject to
12 appropriation by the Legislature, the Governor would be required to
13 make available such federal funding as is necessary to the GCADA,
14 from the monies allocated to the State under the federal
15 “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act,”
16 Pub.L.116-136, the federal “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,”
17 Pub.L.117-2, or any other financial assistance provided by the
18 federal government to address the impact of the COVID-19
19 pandemic, to support the alliance.