

**SENATE, No. 4122**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**  
**Senator TROY SINGLETON**  
**District 7 (Burlington)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes three-year Crisis Response Support Pilot Program for provision of support to certain individuals in need of emergency services.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing a three-year Crisis Response Support Pilot  
2 Program 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. As used in sections 2 through 5 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
8 (pending before the Legislature as this bill):

9 “Pilot county” means a county in which a municipality has been  
10 selected by the Attorney General to participate in the pilot program  
11 established pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
12 before the Legislature as this bill).

13 “Pilot municipality” means a municipality selected by the  
14 Attorney General to participate in the pilot program established  
15 pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
16 Legislature as this bill) and that agrees to participate in the pilot  
17 program.

18 “Pilot program” means the Crisis Response Support Pilot  
19 Program established pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
20 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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22 2. a. There is established a three-year Crisis Response Support  
23 Pilot Program. The purpose of the pilot program shall be to provide  
24 ongoing services and support to individuals who are the subject of a  
25 request for emergency services that involves a person who is in  
26 crisis and is suicidal or suffering from a mental health condition or  
27 substance use disorder.

28 b. The Attorney General shall select for participation in the  
29 pilot program two municipalities in each of the northern, central,  
30 and southern regions of the State, as follows:

31 (1) a northern regional pilot municipality shall be located in  
32 Essex County in a municipality having a population of more than  
33 30,000 and a population density of more than 10,000 persons per  
34 square mile according to the latest federal decennial census;

35 (2) a central regional pilot municipality shall be located in  
36 Middlesex County in a municipality having a population of more  
37 than 35,000 and a population density of more than 7,500 persons  
38 per square mile according to the latest federal decennial census;

39 (3) a southern regional pilot municipality shall be located in  
40 Burlington County in a municipality having a population of more  
41 than 7,000 and a population density of more than 4,750 persons per  
42 square mile according to the latest federal decennial census.

43 c. Upon receipt of a resolution by the governing body of a pilot  
44 municipality agreeing to participate in the pilot program, the  
45 Attorney General shall collaborate with each pilot municipality to  
46 establish procedures for the development and administration of the  
47 pilot program.

48 d. The chief administrative officer or governing body of a pilot  
49 municipality shall appoint a crisis response coordinator who shall

1 be responsible for providing ongoing support and services to  
2 individuals who are the subject of a request for emergency services  
3 that involves a person who is in crisis and is suicidal or suffering  
4 from a mental health condition or substance use disorder.

5 e. In accordance with directives established by the Attorney  
6 General, a crisis response coordinator may collaborate and enter  
7 into memorandums of understanding with a county college located  
8 in the county in which the pilot municipality is located to provide  
9 for students enrolled in courses related to emergency services,  
10 mental health, and other relevant subjects to participate in the pilot  
11 program.

12 f. The State shall reimburse a pilot municipality for the costs  
13 associated with establishing and administering the program.

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15 3. In accordance with procedures established by the Attorney  
16 General, a law enforcement officer in a pilot municipality shall  
17 immediately notify the crisis response coordinator if the officer  
18 responds to a request for emergency services that involves a person  
19 who is in crisis and is suicidal or suffering from a mental health  
20 condition or substance use disorder. The officer also shall provide  
21 the crisis response coordinator with information concerning the  
22 circumstances related to the request for emergency services and a  
23 description of any assistance provided to the person who is the  
24 subject of the request for emergency services.

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26 4. a. The Attorney General, in consultation with the  
27 Commissioner of Health, shall promulgate standards for the  
28 provision of support and services to individuals in a pilot  
29 municipality who are the subject of a request for emergency  
30 services that involves a person who is in crisis and is suicidal or  
31 suffering from a mental health condition or substance use disorder.  
32 The guidelines at a minimum shall:

33 (1) prescribe the qualifications and training requirements for  
34 the position of a crisis response coordinator to be appointed in a  
35 pilot municipality pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
36 (pending before the Legislature as this bill); and

37 (2) establish protocols for a crisis response coordinator to  
38 contact the subject of a request for emergency services to provide  
39 ongoing support and services.

40 b. The Attorney General, in consultation with the  
41 Commissioner of Education, shall promulgate guidelines for  
42 students of a county college located in a county in which a pilot  
43 municipality is located to participate in the pilot program.

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45 5. The Legislature shall appropriate such funds as necessary to  
46 fund the Crisis Response Support Pilot Program.

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48 6. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh  
49 month next following the date of enactment, except the Attorney

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1 General may take any anticipatory administrative action in advance  
2 as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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7 This bill establishes a three-year Crisis Response Support Pilot  
8 Program to provide ongoing services and support to certain  
9 individuals who are the subject of a request for emergency services.

10 Under the bill, the Attorney General is to select for participation  
11 in the pilot program two municipalities in each of the northern,  
12 central, and southern regions of the State. The northern regional  
13 pilot municipalities are to be located in Essex County in  
14 municipalities having a population of more than 30,000 and a  
15 population density of more than 10,000 persons per square mile  
16 according to the latest federal decennial census; the central regional  
17 pilot municipalities are to be located in Middlesex County in  
18 municipalities having a population of more than 35,000 and a  
19 population density of more than 7,500 persons per square mile  
20 according to the latest federal decennial census; and the southern  
21 regional pilot municipalities are to be located in Burlington County  
22 in municipalities having a population of more than 7,000 and a  
23 population density of more than 4,750 persons per square mile  
24 according to the latest federal decennial census.

25 The chief administrative officer or governing body of a pilot  
26 municipality is required to appoint a crisis response coordinator  
27 who is responsible for providing ongoing support and services to  
28 individuals who are the subject of a request for emergency services  
29 that involves a person who is in crisis and is suicidal or suffering  
30 from a mental health condition or substance use disorder.

31 A crisis response coordinator is authorized under the bill to  
32 collaborate with a county college located in a county in which a  
33 pilot municipality is located to provide for students enrolled in  
34 courses related to emergency services, mental health, and other  
35 relevant subjects to participate in the pilot program. The State is  
36 required to reimburse a pilot municipality for the costs associated  
37 with establishing and administering the program.

38 The provisions of the bill require a law enforcement officer in a  
39 pilot municipality to immediately notify the crisis response  
40 coordinator if the officer responds to a request for emergency  
41 services that involves a person who is in crisis and is suicidal or  
42 suffering from a mental health condition or substance use disorder.  
43 The officer also is required to provide the crisis response  
44 coordinator with information concerning the circumstances related  
45 to the request for emergency services and a description of any  
46 assistance provided to the person who is the subject of the request  
47 for emergency services.