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SYNOPSIS

Codifies and expands ARRIVE Together Pilot Program to make certain mental health services available to police responding to certain emergencies; appropriates \$2 million.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on June 27, 2022, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/29/2022)

1 AN ACT ¹**[**establishing a three-year Crisis Response Support
2 concerning the ARRIVE Together Crisis Response¹ Pilot
3 Program and making an appropriation.
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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. As used in this section:

9 “Pilot county” means a county in which a municipality has been
10 selected by the ¹**[**Commissioner of Health] Attorney General¹ to
11 participate in the pilot program ¹expansion¹ established pursuant to
12 ¹subsection c. of¹ this section.

13 “Pilot municipality” means a municipality selected by the
14 ¹**[**Commissioner of Health] Attorney General¹ to participate in the
15 pilot program ¹expansion¹ established by ¹subsection c.¹ this
16 section.

17 “Pilot program ¹expansion¹” means the ¹**[**Crisis Response
18 Support] expansion of the Alternative Response to Reduce
19 Instances of Violence and Escalation (ARRIVE) Together¹ Pilot
20 Program established by ¹subsection c. of¹ this section.

21 b. ¹**[**There is established a three-year Crisis Response Support
22 Pilot Program. The purpose of the] The Attorney General shall
23 establish a¹ pilot program ¹**[**shall] to¹ be ¹known as the Alternative
24 Response to Reduce Instances of Violence and Escalation
25 (ARRIVE) Together Pilot Program. The program shall be designed¹
26 to provide ¹accessible crisis intervention, mental health screening,
27 or other¹ support to ¹**[**police departments or forces in the State
28 when responding to a call that involves a person who is suffering
29 from a mental health condition or substance use disorder and is in]
30 individuals experiencing mental health¹ crisis ¹who have contacted
31 or are engaging with law enforcement.

32 Following the establishment of the program, the Attorney
33 General shall effectuate a pilot program expansion as provided in
34 subsection c. of this section¹.

35 c. ¹**[**The Commissioner of Health] Within the limits of
36 available funds provided pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c (C.)
37 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the Attorney General¹
38 shall select for participation in the pilot program ¹expansion¹ two
39 municipalities in each of the northern, central, and southern regions
40 of the State ¹**[**, as follows:

41 (1) a northern regional pilot municipality shall be located in
42 Essex County in a municipality having a population of more than
43 30,000 and a population density of more than 10,000 persons per
44 square mile according to the latest federal decennial census;

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:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted June 27, 2022.

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

5 (3) a southern regional pilot municipality shall be located in
6 Burlington County in a municipality having a population of more
7 than 7,000 and a population density of more than 4,750 persons per
8 square mile according to the latest federal decennial census], the
9 selection of which shall not exclude participation by other counties
10 or municipalities in the pilot program¹.

11 d. The county prosecutor's office in each pilot county shall
12 designate a crisis response support coordinator who shall be
13 responsible for coordinating with the ¹**Commissioner of Health**
14 Attorney General¹ to develop procedures ¹**for implementing the**
15 **Crisis Response Support Pilot Program in each pilot municipality**
16 consistent with the guidelines established pursuant to subsection f.
17 of this section¹.

18 e. ¹**Each pilot municipality or pilot county shall contract with**
19 **a nonprofit** Consistent with the guidelines developed pursuant to
20 subsection f. of this section, one or more¹ mental health service
21 ¹**provider** providers shall be contracted¹ to provide ¹**support**
22 services as needed¹ to the ¹**State Police or the** police department or
23 force¹, as appropriate,¹ in the pilot municipality when responding to
24 a call that involves a person who is ¹**suffering from** experiencing¹
25 a mental health ¹**condition**¹ or substance use ¹**disorder and is**
26 **in**¹ crisis. The provider shall ¹**be contracted to**¹ provide
27 ¹**support** services as needed for up to¹ 24 hours a day, seven days
28 a week. ¹**The pilot municipality or pilot county shall provide**
29 information concerning the mental health service provider to the
30 appropriate county crisis response support coordinator.¹

31 f. The **Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the**
32 county crisis response support coordinators, **Attorney General**
33 shall establish guidelines for the implementation of the pilot
34 program ¹**in each pilot municipality** expansion¹.

35 g. ¹**The** To the extent applicable and consistent with the
36 guidelines established pursuant to subsection f. of this section, the¹
37 governing body of a pilot municipality or pilot county shall provide
38 documentation ¹**of the costs incurred to implement the Crisis**
39 **Response Support Pilot Program** or information¹ to the
40 ¹**Commissioner of Health. The Department of Health shall**
41 reimburse each pilot municipality or pilot county for the
42 documented costs associated with implementing the pilot program]
43 Attorney General¹.

44 h. The ¹**Commissioner of Health** Attorney General¹ shall
45 ¹**submit** cause to be transmitted¹ a report evaluating the

1 implementation and operation of the pilot program ¹expansion¹ to
2 the Governor and, pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of
3 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature within 90 days
4 after the completion of the pilot program ¹expansion¹. The report
5 shall recommend whether the pilot program ¹expansion¹ should be
6 continued, ¹**expanded** modified¹, or made permanent.

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8 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
9 Department of ¹**Health** Law and Public Safety¹ the sum of
10 \$2,000,000 to effectuate the provisions of section 1 of
11 P.L. c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
12 The ¹**Commissioner of Health** Attorney General and any other
13 department, as appropriate,¹ may seek assistance from the federal
14 government, private foundations, and any other source to fund the
15 ¹**Crisis Response Support**¹ Pilot Program ¹expansion¹ established
16 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
17 Legislature as this bill).

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19 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the ¹**seventh**
20 eleventh¹ month next following the date of enactment and shall
21 expire upon the filing of the report required pursuant to subsection
22 h. of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
23 Legislature as this bill). The ¹**Commissioner of Health** Attorney
24 General¹ may take any anticipatory administrative action in advance
25 of the effective date as shall be necessary for the implementation of
26 this act.