

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE, Nos. 722 and 785**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**220th LEGISLATURE**

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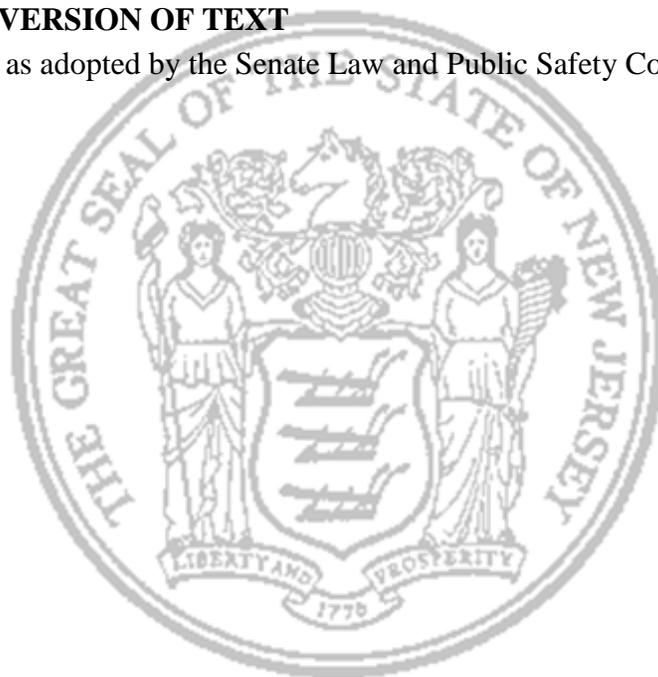
**Senators Pou and Diegnan**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes three-year Crisis Response Support Pilot Program to make mental health services available to police departments responding to certain emergencies; appropriates \$2 million.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Substitute as adopted by the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/27/2022)**

1 AN ACT establishing a three-year Crisis Response Support Pilot  
2 Program and making an appropriation.

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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. As used in this section:

8 "Pilot county" means a county in which a municipality has been  
9 selected by the Commissioner of Health to participate in the pilot  
10 program established pursuant to this section.

11 "Pilot municipality" means a municipality selected by the  
12 Commissioner of Health to participate in the pilot program  
13 established by this section.

14 "Pilot program" means the Crisis Response Support Pilot  
15 Program established by this section.

16 b. There is established a three-year Crisis Response Support  
17 Pilot Program. The purpose of the pilot program shall be to provide  
18 support to police departments or forces in the State when  
19 responding to a call that involves a person who is suffering from a  
20 mental health condition or substance use disorder and is in crisis.

21 c. The Commissioner of Health shall select for participation in  
22 the pilot program two municipalities in each of the northern,  
23 central, and southern regions of the State, as follows:

24 (1) a northern regional pilot municipality shall be located in  
25 Essex County in a municipality having a population of more than  
26 30,000 and a population density of more than 10,000 persons per  
27 square mile according to the latest federal decennial census;

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

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

36 d. The county prosecutor's office in each pilot county shall  
37 designate a crisis response support coordinator who shall be  
38 responsible for coordinating with the Commissioner of Health to  
39 develop procedures for implementing the Crisis Response Support  
40 Pilot Program in each pilot municipality.

41 e. Each pilot municipality or pilot county shall contract with a  
42 nonprofit mental health service provider to provide support to the  
43 police department or force in the pilot municipality when  
44 responding to a call that involves a person who is suffering from a  
45 mental health condition or substance use disorder and is in crisis.  
46 The provider shall be contracted to provide support 24 hours a day,  
47 seven days a week. The pilot municipality or pilot county shall

1 provide information concerning the mental health service provider  
2 to the appropriate county crisis response support coordinator.

3 f. The Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the  
4 county crisis response support coordinators, shall establish  
5 guidelines for the implementation of the pilot program in each pilot  
6 municipality.

7 g. The governing body of a pilot municipality or pilot county  
8 shall provide documentation of the costs incurred to implement the  
9 Crisis Response Support Pilot Program to the Commissioner of  
10 Health. The Department of Health shall reimburse each pilot  
11 municipality or pilot county for the documented costs associated  
12 with implementing the pilot program.

13 h. The Commissioner of Health shall submit a report evaluating  
14 the implementation and operation of the pilot program to the  
15 Governor and, pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of P.L.1991,  
16 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature within 90 days after the  
17 completion of the pilot program. The report shall recommend  
18 whether the pilot program should be continued, expanded, or made  
19 permanent.

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21 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
22 Department of Health the sum of \$2,000,000 to effectuate the  
23 provisions of section 1 of P.L. c. (C. ) (pending before the  
24 Legislature as this bill). The Commissioner of Health may seek  
25 assistance from the federal government, private foundations, and  
26 any other source to fund the Crisis Response Support Pilot Program  
27 established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
28 before the Legislature as this bill).

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30 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh month  
31 next following the date of enactment and shall expire upon the  
32 filing of the report required pursuant to subsection h. of section 1 of  
33 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).  
34 The Commissioner of Health may take any anticipatory  
35 administrative action in advance of the effective date as shall be  
36 necessary for the implementation of this act.