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SYNOPSIS

Expands oversight and transparency of funds received by State and local entities due to national opioid settlements.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning opioid settlement funds, amending P.L.2023,
2 c.25, and supplementing Title 26 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. (New Section) The Legislature finds and declares:

8 a. The opioid epidemic in the United States has resulted in a
9 complex array of lawsuits across the country against pharmaceutical
10 companies and other entities implicated in the crisis.

11 b. New Jersey and its local governments will be paid more than
12 \$1.1 billion through 2038 pursuant to settlement agreements with
13 opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers. The State will
14 receive half of the funds and the other half will be allocated directly
15 to 262 local government entities, including all 21 counties in the
16 State.

17 c. The national opioid settlement agreements, a State Attorney
18 General's memorandum of agreement, and State law govern the
19 approved uses of the settlement funds in New Jersey.

20 d. The majority of the funds are intended for opioid abatement
21 programs focused on treatment, prevention, and other strategies to
22 combat the opioid epidemic and the harms it inflicts on New
23 Jerseyans. A relatively small amount of the funds - no more than
24 five percent - may be used for administrative purposes.

25 e. Under State law, the Department of Human Services
26 administers the non-lapsing "Opioid Recovery and Remediation
27 Fund," where the State-portion of settlement-agreement payments
28 are deposited, and functions as lead agency for allocating and
29 disbursing State funds and for the reporting, public disclosure, and
30 other compliance obligations of all funds under the settlements.

31 f. In a July 2025 report on an investigation of Irvington's
32 mismanagement of opioid settlement funds, the New Jersey Office
33 of the State Comptroller asserted that the Department of Human
34 Services should provide more guidance and oversight regarding the
35 use of opioid settlement funds by local entities.

36 g. It is in the public's interest for the Legislature to strengthen
37 the law which governs the use of opioid settlement funds to hold
38 recipients accountable, thereby ensuring that these important
39 resources support the individuals, families, and communities
40 impacted by the opioid crisis through expanding access to care and
41 mitigating the ongoing harms of the epidemic.

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43 2. Section 1 of P.L.2023, c.25 (C.26:2G-39) is amended to read
44 as follows:

45 1. a. There is created in the Department of the Treasury a
46 dedicated, non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Opioid Recovery
47 and Remediation Fund."

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.

1 b. To the extent consistent with the terms of a national opioid
2 litigation resolution subject to this act, the State Treasurer shall
3 deposit into the fund the State's share of moneys received as a result
4 of such resolution. Any interest and other income earned on
5 moneys in the fund, and any other moneys that may be appropriated
6 or otherwise become available for purposes of the fund, shall be
7 credited to and deposited in the fund. For the purposes of this
8 section, moneys paid to counties or municipalities shall not be
9 considered to be part of the State's share of moneys received as a
10 result of a national opioid litigation resolution. Any moneys
11 received by any State department pursuant to a national opioid
12 litigation settlement subject to this act shall be transferred into the
13 fund.

14 c. (1) Moneys in the fund are hereby appropriated, shall be
15 subject to the applicable requirements of the relevant national
16 opioid litigation resolution and any applicable agreement entered
17 into pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2023, c.25 (C.26:2G-41), and shall
18 be dedicated and used only for:

19 (a) the purposes described in subsection e. of this section; and

20 (b) the payment of attorneys' fees, costs, and related litigation
21 expenses related to the national opioid litigation resolution.

22 (2) The Department of Human Services shall be designated the
23 lead agency for the State for purposes of directing the disbursement
24 and allocation of the State's share of any moneys that are allocated
25 to or otherwise received by the State as a result of a national opioid
26 litigation resolution and for monitoring the use of moneys disbursed
27 to counties or municipalities under a national opioid litigation
28 resolution or under an agreement entered into pursuant to section 3
29 of P.L.2023, c.25 (C.26:2G-41), to the extent required by such
30 agreements, and, in coordination with the State Comptroller and the
31 Attorney General, ensuring that the use of such moneys complies
32 with the purposes set forth in this act and is consistent with the
33 terms of the applicable national opioid litigation resolution and any
34 applicable agreement entered into pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2023,
35 c.25 (C.26:2G-41).

36 (a) The department shall have primary responsibility for
37 ensuring that the various reporting, compliance, and administrative
38 functions imposed upon the State pursuant to the terms and
39 conditions of any national opioid litigation resolution and any
40 applicable agreement entered into pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2023,
41 c.25 (C.26:2G-41) are performed, and shall serve as the single point
42 of contact for the State for settlement fund administrators and
43 trustees to submit requests for disbursement of settlement funds.

44 (b) The department shall be authorized to make determinations
45 regarding disbursement and allocation of the State's share of such
46 proceeds in accordance with the requirements or terms of any
47 national opioid litigation resolution and any applicable agreement
48 entered into pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2023, c.25 (C.26:2G-41),

1 which may include designations of regions for the allocation of the
2 State's share of such proceeds, in addition to taking such other
3 actions as may be assigned or required to be performed by the lead
4 agency or single point of contact for the State under the terms of
5 any national opioid litigation resolution and any applicable
6 agreement entered into pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2023, c.25
7 (C.26:2G-41).

8 (c) The department shall receive and review reports from each
9 county regarding the expenditure of any moneys received by the
10 county as a result of a national opioid litigation resolution. During
11 review of these reports, the department shall determine each
12 county's compliance with the provisions of subsection i. of this
13 section and shall ensure, if necessary, that all applicable funds are
14 returned or reimbursed in accordance with that section.

15 (d) (i) The department shall be authorized to adopt, amend, or
16 repeal regulations as necessary to carry out the intent and provisions
17 of P.L.2023, c.25 (C.26:2G-39 et seq.).

18 (ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of the "Administrative
19 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to the
20 contrary, the department may, immediately upon filing proper
21 notice with the Office of Administrative Law, adopt rules and
22 regulations as shall be necessary to enable it to carry out the
23 department's duties, functions, and powers with respect to this act.
24 Rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this subsubparagraph
25 shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Office of
26 Administrative Law and shall be in effect for a period not to exceed
27 18 months, and shall, thereafter, be amended, adopted, or readopted
28 by the department in accordance with the provisions of the
29 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
30 seq.).

31 (3) Notwithstanding any other law or regulation to the contrary,
32 there is hereby appropriated: (a) moneys from the fund to the
33 Department of Human Services, which shall allocate the
34 appropriated funds in accordance with the provisions of subsections
35 d., e., and f. of this section; and (b) to the extent applicable, moneys
36 paid to the State as a result of a national opioid litigation resolution
37 that have been allocated to a county or municipality in accordance
38 with the terms of the national opioid litigation resolution or a
39 related agreement entered into pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2023,
40 c.25 (C.26:2G-41), and to the extent necessary to effectuate such
41 resolution, which shall be used in accordance with the provisions of
42 subsections d., e., and f. of this section.

43 (4) Moneys from the fund may be transferred to other State
44 departments as directed by the Commissioner of Human Services in
45 support of the purposes provided for in this act, subject to the
46 approval of the Director of Budget and Accounting.

47 d. Notwithstanding section 2 of P.L.1999, c.129 (C.56:8-14.3),
48 section 15 of P.L.2003, c.76 (C.56:8-133), and the "New Jersey

1 False Claims Act," P.L.2007, c.265 (C.2A:32C-1 et seq.), the
2 department shall direct the allocation and disbursement of moneys
3 in the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund established by this
4 section, and shall do so in consultation with the Opioid Recovery
5 and Remediation Advisory Council, established pursuant to section
6 2 of this act. The department shall allocate funds with an emphasis
7 on supporting programs and strategies that are evidence-based or
8 evidence-informed and, in making such allocations, shall consider
9 equitable access for underserved communities Statewide.

10 e. Moneys, other than attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses
11 related to litigation, that are allocated to or otherwise received by
12 the State or any county or municipality as a result of a national
13 opioid litigation resolution, shall be dedicated and used, consistent
14 with the terms of an applicable national opioid litigation resolution
15 and any applicable agreement entered into pursuant to section 3 of
16 P.L.2023, c.25 (C.26:2G-41), for the purpose of addressing opioid
17 use disorder and any co-occurring substance use disorder or mental
18 health conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed
19 practices or strategies that may include, but shall not be limited to,
20 the following:

21 (1) Supporting the treatment of opioid use disorders and any co-
22 occurring substance use disorder or mental health conditions
23 through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or
24 strategies;

25 (2) Supporting individuals in recovery from opioid use disorder,
26 as well as any co-occurring substance use disorder or mental health
27 conditions, through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs
28 or strategies, including, but not limited to, providing support
29 services to the families of such individuals;

30 (3) Providing connections to care for people who have, or are at
31 risk of developing, an opioid use disorder or a co-occurring
32 substance use disorder or mental health condition, through
33 evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies;

34 (4) Using evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or
35 strategies to address the needs of persons with an opioid use
36 disorder or a co-occurring substance use disorder or mental health
37 condition who are involved in, are at risk of becoming involved in,
38 or are transitioning out of, the criminal justice system;

39 (5) Using evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or
40 strategies to address the needs of pregnant or parenting persons with
41 opioid use disorder or a co-occurring substance use disorder or
42 mental health condition, and the needs of the families of such
43 individuals, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome;

44 (6) Supporting efforts to prevent over-prescribing and ensure
45 appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids through evidence-
46 based or evidence-informed programs or strategies;

- 1 (7) Using evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or
- 2 strategies to support efforts to discourage or prevent the misuse of,
- 3 and the development of substance use disorders involving, opioids;
- 4 (8) Using evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or
- 5 strategies to support efforts to prevent or reduce overdose deaths or
- 6 other opioid-related harms;
- 7 (9) Educating law enforcement or other first responders
- 8 regarding appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with
- 9 fentanyl and other drugs;
- 10 (10) Providing wellness and support services for first responders
- 11 and others who experience secondary trauma associated with
- 12 opioid-related emergency events;
- 13 (11) Supporting efforts to provide leadership, planning,
- 14 coordination, facilitations, training, and technical assistance to
- 15 abate the opioid epidemic through activities, programs, and
- 16 strategies;
- 17 (12) Supporting training to abate the opioid epidemic through
- 18 activities, programs, or strategies;
- 19 (13) Supporting opioid abatement research;
- 20 (14) Supporting such other strategies as may be expressly
- 21 identified in any national opioid litigation resolution; and
- 22 (15) Administrative expenses, subject to limits imposed by any
- 23 national opioid litigation resolution or by any agreement entered
- 24 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2023, c.25 (C.26:2G-41).
- 25 f. Moneys, other than attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses
- 26 related to litigation, that are allocated to or otherwise received by
- 27 the State or any of its counties or municipalities as a result of a
- 28 national opioid litigation resolution shall be used to supplement,
- 29 and shall not supplant, federal, State, county, or municipal funds, as
- 30 the case may be, that otherwise would have been used to carry out
- 31 the purposes delineated in this act, and no amount of such moneys
- 32 shall be used to reimburse the State or any of its counties or
- 33 municipalities for past expenditures, except as may otherwise be
- 34 required to refund to the federal government a portion of the
- 35 moneys.
- 36 g. For the purposes of P.L.2023, c.25 (C.26:2G-39 et seq.),
- 37 "national opioid litigation resolution" means a settlement
- 38 agreement, entered into by the Attorney General of New Jersey on
- 39 behalf of the State and by other state attorneys general on behalf of
- 40 their respective states, which provides for the participation of states,
- 41 counties, and municipalities to resolve claims by the State attorneys
- 42 general and counties and municipalities against opioid
- 43 manufacturers, opioid distributors, or pharmacies, or persons or
- 44 entities affiliated with an opioid manufacturer, opioid distributor, or
- 45 pharmacy, related to the manufacture, marketing, distribution, or
- 46 dispensing of opioids, or a bankruptcy plan which is governed by an
- 47 agreement entered into pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2023, c.25
- 48 (C.26:2G-41) and which has received final approval and that

1 channels, releases, or otherwise finally disposes of such claims
2 including those of the State and its counties and municipalities.

3 h. Any moneys allocated to or otherwise received by the State
4 or any of its counties or municipalities as a result of a national
5 opioid litigation resolution, and subsequently distributed in
6 accordance with subsection e. of this section, shall be expended
7 within 18 months of receipt by the recipient unless the intended use
8 of such funds is for a multi-year project, under which circumstance
9 the funds shall be expended according to a pre-determined timeline
10 approved by the Department of Human Services or the applicable
11 oversight entity of the county or municipality. If, after 18 months
12 or the conclusion of the pre-determined timeline for multi-year
13 projects, the moneys are not expended, the recipient shall either: (a)
14 seek approval from the Department of Human Services or the
15 applicable oversight entity of the county or municipality for an
16 extension; or (b) return the moneys to the "Opioid Recovery and
17 Remediation Fund" or the applicable county or municipality fund
18 for redistribution.

19 i. (1) A State executive branch department, division, or entity;
20 a county or municipality located in the State; or a third-party entity,
21 allocated, or otherwise in receipt of, moneys as a result of a national
22 opioid litigation resolution shall be required to reimburse the
23 "Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund" or the applicable county
24 or municipality fund of any moneys that are not expended in
25 accordance with subsection e. of this section, as provided for in this
26 subsection.

27 (2) If the Department of Human Services, the State Comptroller,
28 the Attorney General, or the applicable oversight entity of a county
29 or municipality determines that moneys allocated to or otherwise
30 received by a State executive branch department, division, or entity;
31 a county or municipality located in the State; or a third-party entity,
32 as a result of a national opioid litigation resolution, were not
33 expended in accordance with subsection e. of this section, the
34 applicable oversight entity shall inform the recipient in writing of
35 the determination. This notice shall include: the amount of funds
36 that were determined misused; an explanation of how the funds
37 were misused and any documentation to support the determination;
38 and instructions on how the recipient is to reimburse the "Opioid
39 Recovery and Remediation Fund" or the applicable county or
40 municipality fund. The recipient shall have 60 days from the
41 receipt of this notification to reimburse the misused funds. At any
42 point during the 60-day period, the recipient may apply to the
43 applicable oversight entity for an extension to the initial deadline on
44 which the misused funds are to be reimbursed. If approved by the
45 applicable oversight entity, the recipient shall have until the new
46 deadline to reimburse the funds, which deadline shall be provided to
47 the recipient in writing. The applicable oversight entity shall use

1 discretion in approving multiple extension requests from the same
2 recipient.

3 j. If a State executive branch department, division, or entity; a
4 county or municipality located in the State; or a third-party entity,
5 having received moneys as a result of a national opioid litigation
6 resolution, determines that all or a portion of the funds cannot be
7 spent in accordance with subsection e. of this section, the recipient
8 shall be permitted to return the funds to the "Opioid Recovery and
9 Remediation Fund" or the applicable county or municipality fund.
10 Such funds shall be redistributed for purposes permitted under
11 subsection e. of this section.

12 (cf: P.L.2023, c.25, s.1)

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14 3. Section 2 of P.L.2023, c.25 (C.26:2G-40) is amended to read
15 as follows:

16 2. a. There is established in the Department of Human Services
17 the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Advisory Council. The
18 council shall be advisory in nature and its purpose shall be to
19 review proposals, data, and analyses, and engage with stakeholders
20 and community members, to develop and provide recommendations
21 on the allocation and distribution of the State's share of proceeds
22 from national opioid litigation resolutions. The council shall
23 provide information, advice, and general recommendations
24 consistent with its purpose to the Governor, the Commissioner of
25 Human Services, and other executive branch departments and
26 agencies. To effectuate this goal, the council shall:

27 (1) gather and evaluate data regarding the availability of, gaps
28 in, and barriers to substance use disorder prevention and treatment
29 programs and recovery services;

30 (2) solicit feedback, in a manner and method established by the
31 council, from stakeholders, local providers, advocates, individuals
32 with lived experience with opioid use disorders, including people
33 who have or are in recovery from an opioid use disorder and family
34 members of people with an opioid use disorder, the academic
35 community, individuals with expertise in areas related to substance
36 use disorders, community groups, and members of the public,
37 regarding the services needed to prevent and treat substance use
38 disorders across the State;

39 (3) review and evaluate recommendations submitted by the
40 public using the online portal that was established by the State on
41 August 31, 2022 to enable members of the public to provide
42 recommendations on the expenditure of proceeds from national
43 opioid litigation resolutions;

44 (4) evaluate approaches taken by New Jersey and other states in
45 administering proceeds from national opioid litigation resolutions;

46 (5) consult with experts and other knowledgeable individuals in
47 both the public and private sectors on any aspect of its duties as the
48 council deems necessary and appropriate; and

1 (6) take any other actions as the council deems appropriate to
2 inform its recommendations, with the purpose of promoting the
3 equitable and efficient distribution of settlement funds, including
4 the distribution of funds using evidence-based and evidence-
5 informed practices and strategies.

6 b. The council shall comprise:

7 (1) the Commissioner of Human Services, the Commissioner of
8 Health, the Commissioner of Children and Families, and the
9 Attorney General, or their designees, who shall serve ex-officio;

10 (2) at least 10 public members appointed by the Governor who
11 reflect the diversity of New Jersey and who shall include public
12 health and policy experts and two or more individuals who have
13 lived experience with opioid use disorders, including one or more
14 individuals who have or are in recovery from an opioid use disorder
15 and one or more family members of a person with an opioid use
16 disorder; and

17 (3) such additional ex officio and public members as the
18 Governor deems appropriate.

19 c. The public members of the council shall serve at the
20 pleasure of the Governor. No member shall take any official action
21 or make a recommendation on any matter in which the member has
22 a direct or indirect financial interest. The Commissioner of Human
23 Services or the commissioner's designee shall serve as the
24 chairperson of the council.

25 d. The council shall organize as soon as practicable following
26 the appointment of its members and shall meet at such frequencies
27 as shall be required by the Governor as well as at the call of the
28 chairperson. The members of the council shall serve without
29 compensation, but shall be eligible for reimbursement for necessary
30 and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their
31 official duties within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise
32 made available to the council for its purposes.

33 e. The council shall be entitled to receive assistance and
34 services from any State, county, or municipal department, board,
35 commission, or agency as may be made available to it for its
36 purposes. The Department of Human Services shall provide such
37 staff and administrative support to the council as it requires to carry
38 out its responsibilities~~].~~, which support shall constitute an
39 administrative cost of the "Opioid Recovery and Remediation
40 Fund."

41 f. (1) To the extent permissible under the terms of a national
42 opioid litigation resolution, the council shall not be required to, and
43 may refrain from, making recommendations for expenditures that
44 would primarily benefit counties or municipalities that were eligible
45 to participate in the national opioid litigation resolution that yielded
46 such funds but did not participate in the resolution, provided that
47 nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to prevent the council

1 from exercising its discretion to make such recommendations
2 should it determine to do so.

3 (2) ~~【The】~~ Upon the request of a county or municipality for
4 guidance, the council ~~【may, but】~~ shall ~~【not】~~ be required to~~【,~~
5 provide information and general recommendations ~~【to counties and~~
6 ~~municipalities】~~ concerning the expenditure of the share of proceeds
7 from national opioid litigation resolutions allocated to ~~【those~~
8 ~~counties and municipalities】~~ the county or municipality, and may
9 coordinate with any similarly situated county advisory council as
10 the chairperson deems appropriate. In order to fulfill the provisions
11 of this paragraph, the council shall establish a formal process by
12 which a county or municipality may request guidance from the
13 council.

14 (3) The council shall establish a training program, no less than
15 12 months after the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
16 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), designed to educate
17 counties and municipalities on the approved uses of opioid
18 settlement funds, consistent with the terms of all applicable national
19 opioid litigation resolutions and any applicable agreement entered
20 into pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2023, c.25 (C.26:2G-41), and in
21 accordance with subsection e. of section 1 of P.L.2023, c.25
22 (C.26:2G-39). The training shall clearly define “evidence-based”
23 and “evidence-informed” practices, and shall be led by a trainer, in
24 real-time, either in person or via remote technology. The council
25 shall provide the training program to a county or municipality that
26 receives proceeds from national opioid litigation resolutions at least
27 once within 24 months of the effective date of P.L. , c.
28 (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and upon
29 request thereafter.

30 g. The council shall expire 180 days after all proceeds from
31 opioid litigation resolutions are expended and the Department of
32 Human Services issues the final report required pursuant to
33 subsection b. of section 5 of P.L.2023, c.25 (C.26:2G-43).
34 (cf: P.L.2023, c.25, s.2)

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36 4. Section 3 of P.L.2023, c.25 (C.26:2G-41) is amended to read
37 as follows:

38 3. The Attorney General, in consultation with the
39 Commissioner of Human Services, shall be authorized to enter into
40 agreements with counties and municipalities concerning the
41 allocation and expenditure of moneys allocated to the State and its
42 counties and municipalities in any national opioid litigation
43 resolution. Such agreements shall include provisions reflecting the
44 requirements outlined under subsections h., i., and j. of section 1 of
45 P.L.2023, c.25 (C.26:2G-39).

46 (cf: P.L.2023, c.25, s.3)

1 Services or the applicable oversight entity of the county or
2 municipality. If, after 18 months or the conclusion of the pre-
3 determined timeline for multi-year projects, the moneys are not
4 expended, the recipient is required to either: 1) seek approval from
5 the Department of Human Services or the applicable oversight
6 entity of the county or municipality for an extension; or 2) return
7 the moneys to the "Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund," the
8 repository of the State's share of opioid settlement funds, or the
9 applicable county or municipality fund for redistribution.

10 The bill also requires that any opioid settlement moneys not
11 expended in accordance with current law, as determined by the
12 Department of Human Services, the State Comptroller, the Attorney
13 General, or the applicable oversight entity of the county or
14 municipality, are to be reimbursed by the recipient and deposited
15 into the "Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund" or the applicable
16 county or municipality fund within 60 days of the determination.
17 Broadly, funds must support treatment of Opioid Use Disorder and
18 any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health
19 conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs
20 or strategies. The bill permits affected entities to request an
21 extension on this 60-day deadline. The bill also permits entities in
22 receipt of opioid settlement moneys, who determine that all or a
23 portion of the funds cannot be spent in accordance with current law,
24 to return such funds to the applicable account for redistribution.

25 The bill directs the existing Opioid Recovery and Remediation
26 Advisory Council to establish a training program designed to
27 educate counties and municipalities on the approved uses of opioid
28 settlement funds, and to implement a formal process by which a
29 county or municipality may request guidance from the council
30 regarding the appropriate expenditure of funds. The bill also
31 requires that no member of the council is to take any official action
32 or make a recommendation on any matter in which the member has
33 a direct or indirect financial interest. Additionally, the bill affirms
34 that any staff or administrative support provided to the council by
35 the Department of Human Services, as required under existing law,
36 is to constitute an administrative cost of the "Opioid Recovery and
37 Remediation Fund."

38 Finally, the bill requires the Department of Human Services and
39 a county or municipality that receives proceeds from national
40 opioid litigation resolutions to post a link on the applicable websites
41 to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller's online form
42 which allows members of the public to file a report regarding
43 alleged fraud, waste, or abuse of State funds, along with
44 instructions that this link may be used to report suspected fraud,
45 waste, or abuse relating to the expenditure of national opioid
46 settlement funds. Counties and municipalities must also post a link
47 to any reports required to be compiled by the county or municipality

- 1 regarding the expenditure of moneys received as a result of a
- 2 national opioid litigation resolution.