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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Hypertension control program - establish in Department of Health)

LAWS OF: 1985

CHAPTER: 5

Bill No: A1372

Sponsor(s): Otlowski

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Senate: Institutions, Health and Welfare

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1372

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 27, 1984

By Assemblyman OTLOWSKI

AN ACT concerning the expansion of the hypertension control program by the Commissioner of the Department of Health and making an appropriation therefor.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the rising incidence
2 of heart disease, kidney disease and stroke is causing increased
3 concern among public health officials and private practitioners who
4 feel that it is imperative that new initiatives be developed to
5 combat the high blood pressure which is so often associated with
6 these life threatening conditions.

7 The Legislature further finds that the expansion of the compre-
8 hensive hypertension control program presently operated by the
9 New Jersey State Department of Health with funds from federal
10 block grants is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of
11 New Jersey in an effort to minimize the incidence of death and
12 disability which so often accompany uncontrolled high blood pres-
13 sure.

1 2. As used in this act:

2 a. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department
3 of Health;

4 b. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

5 c. "Program" means the hypertension control program estab-
6 lished by the commissioner.

1 3. The commissioner shall expand the existing hypertension
2 control program within the department which shall have central

3 authority and responsibility for the development of a system of
4 community based high blood pressure control programs.

5 The commissioner shall take any action he deems necessary,
6 including the provision of advisory and technical assistance and
7 the development of training and educational programs, to assist
8 qualified individuals and agencies to develop comprehensive and
9 coordinated hypertension programs.

1 4. A community based high blood pressure control program shall
2 provide:

3 a. Hypertension screening;

4 b. Treatment referral;

5 c. Counseling for victims of high blood pressure as to proper
6 diet, weight control and appropriate care and treatment of the
7 condition; and,

8 d. Patient follow-up and evaluation of treatment methods.

1 5. The commissioner is authorized to:

2 a. Enter into necessary contracts and agreements with counties,
3 municipalities and other units of government, colleges, universities,
4 associations, agencies, corporations and individuals for the develop-
5 ment and expansion of community hypertension programs;

6 b. Gather data relative to the detection of high blood pressure
7 and the incidence of heart disease, kidney disease and stroke;

8 c. Promote programs of professional education for physicians,
9 dentists, nurses, pharmacists, and public health professionals
10 relative to the prevention, detection and control of high blood
11 pressure and the rehabilitation of victims of heart disease, stroke
12 and kidney disease which result from uncontrolled hypertension;

13 d. Conduct scientific investigation into the prevention, cause,
14 detection and control of high blood pressure;

15 e. Develop more effective methods for the screening, evaluation
16 and control of hypertension; and,

17 f. Apply for and accept any grant of money from the federal
18 government or any other source available for the purposes of this
19 act.

1 6. Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P. L. 1968,
2 c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.), the commissioner shall promulgate any
3 regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

1 7. The sum of \$100,000.00 is appropriated to the department from
2 the General Fund to effectuate the provisions of this act.

1 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

Although high blood pressure affects an estimated one million persons in New Jersey, only 51% of those who suffer from hypertension are aware of their condition and only 16.5% are being treated adequately. Inadequately treated high blood pressure continues to be a leading factor in more than 50% of the deaths in this State and in the high incidence of disability suffered by its citizens as a result of kidney disease, heart disease and stroke. This bill attempts to combat the tremendous problem of high blood pressure by expanding within the State Department of Health, the hypertension control program presently funded by federal block grants and to incorporate the program in our statutes. The department program is to have central authority and responsibility for the development of a system of community based high blood pressure control programs.

Each community based program is to provide screening, treatment, counseling and follow-up for victims of high blood pressure; while the department is to take any action necessary, including the provision of advisory and technical assistance and the development of training and educational programs, to assist qualified individuals and agencies to develop local programs. This bill appropriates \$100,000.00 to the Department of Health to cover the cost of the expansion of the hypertension control program.

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ASSEMBLY CORRECTIONS, HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1372

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 15, 1984

This bill would provide statutory authority for a comprehensive hypertension control program within the Department of Health with the authority and responsibility for developing a Statewide system of community-based high blood pressure programs.

Under this bill, the Department of Health would offer support to qualified individuals and agencies, including the provision of advisory and technical assistance and the development of training and educational programs, to enable each community-based program to carry out its functions of providing hypertension screening, treatment referral, counseling, and follow-up for victims of high blood pressure.

The bill also expands the existing hypertension control program which is funded under the federal Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant and appropriates \$100,000.00 to the Department of Health to cover the cost of expanding the program.

ASSEMBLY REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1372

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 28, 1984

Assembly Bill No. 1372 expands the current hypertension control program in the Department of Health. The department will have the responsibility to develop a system of community based high blood pressure control programs which will provide screening, treatment, counseling and follow-up for victims of high blood pressure. The department is to provide advisory and technical assistance, develop training and educational programs and assist qualified individuals and agencies to develop the local programs.

There is to be appropriated \$100,000.00 to the Department of Health for this expanded portion of the program. The department estimated that these funds will serve approximately 20,000 additional clients. The \$100,000.00 will be added to the moneys received from a federal block grant for Preventative Health and Health Services which amounted to approximately \$945,000.00 this past year.

SENATE INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1372

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 13, 1984

This bill directs the Commissioner of Health to expand the department's present hypertension control program and to assume responsibility for the development of a system of community based high blood pressure control programs. The bill appropriates \$100,000.00 to the Department of Health.

The bill authorizes the commissioner to provide any necessary advisory and technical assistance to local programs, to develop training and educational programs and to otherwise assist individuals and agencies in developing comprehensive and coordinated hypertension programs. The commissioner also is authorized to promote hypertension education programs for health care professionals and to gather relevant data on the incidence of hypertension and related diseases. Finally, the bill specifies that a community based program shall provide screening, referral and patient counseling, follow-up and evaluation of treatment methods.

BACKGROUND

The hypertension control program in the Department of Health is presently funded by federal block grant funds, primarily the Preventive Health and Health Services Block grant, in the amount of \$1.06 million. In fiscal year 1984 the department contracted with 18 community programs which screened a total of 152,763 persons.

SENATE REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1372

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 16, 1984

Assembly Bill No. 1372 expands the current hypertension control program in the Department of Health by providing permanent statutory authority and direction. The department will have the responsibility to develop and oversee a system of community-based high blood pressure control programs providing screening, treatment, counseling and follow-up for victims of high blood pressure. The department is directed to provide advisory and technical assistance, develop training and educational programs and assist qualified individuals and agencies to develop the local programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill appropriates \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to expand the department's activities in this area. These activities, in operation since FY 1976, are currently funded by the federal Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant. The department has requested \$1.1 million in FY 1985 federal block grant funds for the hypertension control program. It is estimated that the supplemental State funding will enable approximately 20,000 additional at-risk persons to be screened and treated.



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Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed the following bills:

A-586, sponsored by Assemblyman Joseph L. Bocchini, D-Mercer, which permits a board of education to require additional proof that a child attending school in the district, whose parent or guardian does not live in the district, in fact lives with and is supported by a resident of the district.

Currently, the law provides only that the board may require an affidavit from the person with whom the child resides that the child lives in the district and is supported by the individual with whom he or she lives. This bill permits the board to require further proof in the form of a copy of the supporting individual's lease, or a sworn statement by the individual's landlord affirming residency.

A-1372, sponsored by Assemblyman George J. Otlowski, D-Middlesex, which directs the Commissioner of Health to expand the Department's current hypertension control program and to assume responsibility for development of a community-based high blood pressure control program.

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