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ASSEMBLY, No. 399

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1986 SESSION

By Assemblyman CHINNICI

AN ACT concerning the establishment of special county commissions on child abuse and missing children, supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, and making an appropriation.

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

1 1. For the purposes of this act:

2 a. "Child" means a person under 18 years of age.

3 b. "Child abuse" means abuse, abandonment, cruelty or neglect
4 of a child as defined in R. S. 9:6-1, endangering the welfare of a
5 child as defined in N. J. S. 2C:24-4 or any sexual offense as defined
6 in chapter 14 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes which is
7 committed against a child.

1 2. The Department of Human Services shall establish a program,
2 using county human services advisory councils, to encourage each
3 county in this State to establish a special county commission on
4 child abuse and missing children. The special county commission
5 **shall** address the problems of child abuse and missing children in
6 the county and its activities may include, but shall not be limited to,
7 arranging for educational programs for parents and children, pro-
8 viding information concerning the available services in the county
9 and in the State for abused children and their parents and the
10 parents of missing children, and coordinating the provision of
11 services and programs concerning child abuse and missing children
12 that are offered in the county and neighboring counties.

1 3. The department shall pay \$2,500.00 to any county that estab-
2 lishes or has established a special county commission on child abuse

Matter printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

*—Senate committee amendment adopted April 7, 1986.

3 and missing children for the costs of establishing or operating the
4 commission.

1 4. In accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
2 P. L. 1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.), the department shall
3 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the pur-
4 poses of this act.

1 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund \$60,000.00 to
2 the department to effectuate the purposes of this act.

1 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

This bill would establish a program in the Department of Human Services, using county human services advisory councils, to encourage each county in this State to establish a Special County Commission on Child Abuse and Missing Children. The commissions would address the problems of child abuse and missing children in their respective counties. The department would pay \$2,500.00 for start-up or operational costs to each county that establishes or has established a special county commission. Finally, the bill would appropriate \$60,000.00 to the department to implement the program.

Currently, Ocean county is the only county in New Jersey that has a special commission similar to the ones that would be established by this act. Mercer county is presently considering the establishment of a similar special commission.

The purpose of this bill is to encourage every county in this State to set up a special county commission on child abuse and missing children in order to address these problems on a county level.

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ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

Assembly Bill No. 399

DATED January 27, 1986

The Assembly Health and Human Resources Committee reports favorably on Assembly Bill No. 399.

This bill directs the Department of Human Services to establish a program, using county human services advisory councils, to encourage each county to establish a special county commission on child abuse and missing children. The bill appropriates \$60,000.00 to the department to implement this program and authorizes the department to pay \$2,500.00 to each county for the costs of establishing or operating a commission. Each commission would address the problems of child abuse and missing children in the county through such efforts as arranging for educational programs for parents and children, providing information about available services, and coordinating the provision of services and programs.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1986-87 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 399

with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 7, 1986

The Senate Committee on Children's Services favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 399 with committee amendments.

This bill establishes a program in the Department of Human Services, using county human services advisory councils, to encourage each county to establish a special county commission on child abuse and missing children. These special commissions may arrange educational programs for parents and children and provide information concerning the available services in the county and in the State for abused children, their parents and the parents of missing children. The commission also may coordinate the provision of services and programs concerning child abuse and missing children that are offered in the county and neighboring counties.

The Department of Human Services shall pay \$2,500.00 to any county establishing a special county commission on child abuse and missing children to cover the costs of establishing or operating the commission. The bill appropriates \$60,000.00 from the General Fund to the department to effectuate the purposes of this bill.

The committee adopted a technical amendment to include the word "shall" which had inadvertently been omitted.