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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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(Self-Help Clearinghouse)

LAWS OF: 1985

CHAPTER: 296

Bill No: A3040

Sponsor(s): Loveys

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3040

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 27, 1984

By Assemblyman LOVEYS

AN ACT establishing a Self-Help Clearinghouse 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: there is a great need
2 to foster innovative, cost-effective social and health services;
3 self-help and mutual aid groups are based on a long-standing and
4 deeply rooted American tradition of local, volunteer initiatives;
5 there is increasing scientific evidence that self-help activities have
6 long-term health benefits; the President's Commission on Mental
7 Health has recommended the establishment of self-help clearing-
8 houses to promote the development, coordination and public aware-
9 ness of self-help groups; and the creation of a Statewide Self-Help
10 Clearinghouse would be an invaluable resource for the citizens of
11 this State.

1 2. The Commissioner of the Department of Human Services shall
2 establish a Self-Help Clearinghouse in the Division of Mental
3 Health and Hospitals.

1 3. a. The commissioner shall prepare guidelines for the Self-Help
2 Clearinghouse.

3 b. The commissioner shall solicit proposals from nonprofit
4 organizations interested in establishing a Statewide Self-Help
5 Clearinghouse, review the proposals, and approve and fund within
6 the limits of moneys allocated to the department the proposal which
7 best meets the objectives of the program.

8 c. The Self-Help Clearinghouse shall assist in the development of

9 self-help groups throughout the State by providing technical
10 assistance to communities including, but not limited to, consultation,
11 training and technical assistance; collect, integrate and make
12 available self-help information and resource material; and publish
13 and distribute a Statewide directory of self-help groups.

1 4. Subject to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P. L. 1968,
2 c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.), the commissioner shall adopt the rules
3 and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

1 5. There is appropriated \$250,000.00 from the General Fund to
2 the Department of Human Services to effectuate the purposes of
3 this act.

1 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill directs the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services to establish a Statewide Self-Help Clearinghouse in the Division of Mental Health and Hospitals. The commissioner shall solicit proposals from nonprofit organizations which are interested in establishing the Self-Help Clearinghouse, review, approve and fund the proposal which best meets the objectives of the program.

The bill specifies that the Self-Help Clearinghouse will help in the development of self-help groups throughout the State, make available self-help resource material and information, and publish and distribute a Statewide directory of self-help groups.

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The bill includes a \$250,000.00 appropriation from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services.

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ASSEMBLY REVENUE, FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 3040

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 13, 1985

PROVISIONS:

Assembly Bill No. 3040 establishes a "Statewide Self-Help Clearing-house" in the Division of Mental Health and Hospitals in the Department of Human Services.

The commissioner shall solicit proposals from nonprofit organizations interested in establishing this program which will aid in the development of self-help groups by making available resource material and information, in addition to the publishing and distribution of a directory of self-help groups.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is an appropriation of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Human Services from the General Fund to establish this program.

The committee favorably reports this bill.

ASSEMBLY CORRECTIONS, HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3040

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 4, 1985

This bill directs the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services to establish a Statewide Self-Help Clearinghouse in the Division of Mental Health and Hospitals. The bill requires the commissioner to solicit proposals from nonprofit organizations interested in establishing the Self-Help Clearinghouse, and to review, approve and fund the proposal which best meets the objectives of this program.

The bill provides that the Self-Help Clearinghouse will help in the development of self-help groups throughout the State by providing technical assistance to communities, making available self-help resource material and information, and publishing and distributing a Statewide directory of self-help groups. In addition, the bill appropriates \$250,000.00 from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services to establish this program.

The committee reported the bill favorably without amendments.

SENATE INSTITUTIONS, HEALTH AND WELFARE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 3040

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 20, 1985

This bill directs the Commissioner of Human Services to establish in the Division of Mental Health and Hospitals, a Statewide Self-Help Clearinghouse program. The bill appropriates \$250,000.00 to the department for this purpose.

The bill requires the commissioner to solicit proposals from non-profit organizations interested in establishing the Self-Help Clearinghouse, and to review, approve and fund the proposal which best meets the objectives of this program. The purpose of the Self-Help Clearinghouse will be to help in the development of self-help groups throughout the State by providing technical assistance to communities, making available self-help resource material and information, and publishing and distributing a Statewide directory of self-help groups.