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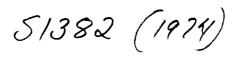
INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 19, 1974

By Senators DODD, ORECHIO, RUSSO, ZANE, WALLWORK and GREENBERG

(Without Reference)

An Act authorizing counties and municipalities to make appropriations to certain narcotic and drug abuse treatment centers, and validating certain proceedings and appropriations heretofore made.

- BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
- 2 of New Jersey:
- 1 1. The Legislature hereby recognizes that it is the declared
- 2 public policy of this State that the social and personal anguish
- 3 of drug addiction is a grave public concern, and that priority
- 4 should be given to the establishment of a comprehensive program
- 5 to be achieved through the coordinated efforts and resources both
- 6 of public and private agencies to prevent and control drug addiction
- 7 and to provide diagnosis, treatment care and rehabilitation for
- 8 drug addicts. The Legislature further recognizes that the costs
- 9 incurred in treating and rehabilitating the addict and in counseling
- 10 the potential addict have become increasingly expensive, and that
- 11 current financial exigencies are creating additional burdens for
- 12 private, nonprofit agencies performing this important public
- 13 service, while also rendering the cost of establishing new treatment
- 14 centers prohibitive for local units of government. Therefore, the
- 15 Legislature hereby finds that because private, nonprofit agencies
- 16 are providing services which are in furtherance of a policy in
- 17 an area of grave public concern, it is in the public interest to
- 18 authorize counties and municipalities to appropriate funds for the
- 19 purpose of helping to defray expenses incurred by such private
- 20 agencies in the provision of narcotic and drug abuse treatment
- 21 facilities and programs to community residents.
- 1 2. The governing body of any county or municipality may
- 2 annually appropriate funds to any approved, privately operated,



- 3 nonprofit narcotic and drug abuse treatment center certified by the
- 4 Commissioner of the State Department of Health pursuant to
- 5 P. L. 1970, c. 334 (C. 26:2G-21 et seq.), for the purpose of helping
- 6 to defray expenses incurred in the provision of facilities to prevent
- 7 and control drug abuse, and to provide diagnosis, treatment,
- 8 rehabilitation and aftercare to drug addicts who are residents of
- 9 any county or municipality making such appropriations.
- 3. All appropriations heretofore made by any county or mu-
- 2 nicipality for any of the purposes herein authorized are hereby
- 3 ratified, validated and confirmed.
- 1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill authorizes counties and municipalities to appropriate moneys to private, nonprofit narcotic and drug abuse treatment and counseling centers. It is an already declared public policy of this State that drug addiction is a grave public concern, and that priority should be given to the establishment of a Statewide comprehensive drug prevention, treatment and control program to be implemented through the facilities of the State and its political subdivisions, the Federal Government and private agencies (section 1 of P. L. 1964, c. 226; C. 30:6C-1).

As the costs of treating and rehabilitating the addict and of counseling the potential addict have become increasingly high, municipalities and counties increasingly find it more practical, economic and efficient to aid private, nonprofit agencies already in existence, than to duplicate such efforts by the establishment of public treatment and counseling centers. Accordingly, this bill authorizes counties and municipalities to appropriate funds to certain private centers, much in the same manner as counties and municipalities are authorized to render financial assistance to private, nonprofit organizations in the public health field. Such enabling legislation would be consistent with the public interest in fiscal efficiency and in continuing to combat narcotic and drug abuse.