



**A4357**

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** **ASSEMBLY:** Yes Law & Public  
Safety  
Appropriations

**SENATE:** No

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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 309, *approved January 13, 2020*  
Senate, No. 2898

1 AN ACT establishing and funding a “New Jersey Fire and EMS  
2 Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline and  
3 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.  
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# SENATE, No. 2898

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

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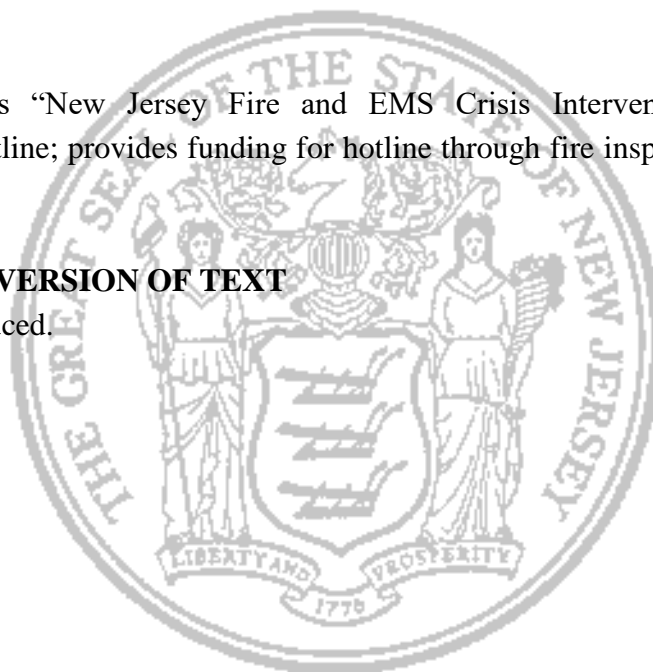
**Senators Greenstein, A.R.Bucco, Ruiz, Assemblywoman McKnight,  
Assemblyman Danielsen, Assemblywomen Sumter, DiMaso, B.DeCroce,  
Assemblymen Johnson, Space and Wirths**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes “New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline; provides funding for hotline through fire inspection fees and penalties.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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44 prepare a list of the following persons who are willing to accept  
45 referrals and administer the debriefing and counseling services  
46 provided through the telephone hotline: appropriately licensed or  
47 certified psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers;  
48 appropriately trained and qualified counselors; and experienced  
49 former fire and emergency services personnel.

1       4. In establishing the hotline pursuant to the provisions of  
2 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
3 the division and university shall consult with a representative from  
4 the New Jersey Career Fire Chiefs Association; New Jersey State  
5 Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association; Professional  
6 Firefighters Association of New Jersey; New Jersey Hospital  
7 Association; New Jersey Association of Paramedic Programs; EMS  
8 Council of New Jersey; New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association;  
9 any other exclusive bargaining representative for a New Jersey fire  
10 department or force, or emergency services agency or provider; and  
11 any others that the division deems appropriate.

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13       5. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an  
14 amount not less than \$250,000, as determined by the Commissioner  
15 of Community Affairs, shall be annually appropriated to defray the  
16 costs associated with operating and maintaining the "New Jersey  
17 Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The  
18 appropriation shall be payable out of the fees and penalties derived  
19 from fire code enforcement activities pursuant to the "Uniform Fire  
20 Safety Act," P.L.1983, c.383 (C.52:27D-192 et seq.).

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22       6. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fifth month  
23 following enactment, but the Director of the Division of Fire Safety  
24 may take any anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall  
25 be necessary for the implementation of the act.

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#### STATEMENT

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# ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 2898

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 7, 2019

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2898.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 2898 directs the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs, in conjunction with Rutgers, The State University/University Behavioral Health Care, to establish a 24-hour, toll-free "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The division and university are to consult with representatives of certain fire and emergency services organizations when establishing the hotline.

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As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 2898 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4357, which also was reported by the committee on this date.

# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 2898

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2898.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No 4357 directs the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs, in conjunction with Rutgers, The State University/University Behavioral Health Care, to establish a 24-hour, toll-free "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The division and university are to consult with representatives of certain fire and emergency services organizations when establishing the hotline.

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Affairs, to support the costs associated with operating and maintaining the telephone hotline. This annual appropriation is supported through the fees and penalties collected by the division through fire code enforcement activities.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 2898 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4357, which also was reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Service (OLS) estimates that enactment of the bill would result in an annual increase in State expenditures of approximately \$250,000 to \$400,000 associated with the creation and maintenance of the “New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline.

The OLS notes that the proposed hotline would be similar to the “Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline currently maintained by the Department of Human Services on conjunction with Rutgers University Behavioral Care. Since Fiscal Year 2013, the State has annually appropriated \$400,000 to support that hotline. Given the similarity of the telephone hotlines, and the requirement of the bill to annually appropriate at least \$250,000, the OLS estimates that the enactment of the bill would result in an annual increase in State expenditures of approximately \$250,000 to \$400,000.

# SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 2898

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2898.

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# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 2898

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 2018

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2898.

Senate Bill No. 2898 directs the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs, in conjunction with Rutgers, The State University/University Behavioral Health Care, to establish a 24-hour, toll-free "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The division and university are to consult with representatives of certain fire and emergency services organizations when establishing the hotline.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the enactment of the bill would result in an annual increase in State expenditures of approximately \$250,000-\$400,000 associated with the creation and maintenance of the “New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline.

The bill requires the State to annually appropriate an amount not less than \$250,000, as determined by the Commissioner of Community Affairs, to support the telephone hotline. The annual appropriation would be payable from the collection of fees and penalties under the “Uniform Fire Safety Act,” which are currently used to support the operations of the Division of Fire Safety.

The OLS notes that the proposed hotline would be similar to the “Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline currently maintained by the Department of Human Services, in conjunction with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care. Since FY2013, the State has annually appropriated \$400,000 to support that hotline. Given the similarity of the telephone hotlines, and the requirement of the bill to annually appropriate at least \$250,000, the OLS estimates that the enactment of the bill would result in an annual increase in State expenditures of approximately \$250,000-\$400,000.

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**SENATE, No. 2898**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**218th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: DECEMBER 11, 2018

**SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Establishes “New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline; provides funding for hotline through fire inspection fees and penalties.
- Type of Impact:** Increase in State expenditures.
- Agencies Affected:** Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs.

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	\$250,000-\$400,000	\$250,000-\$400,000	\$250,000-\$400,000

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- Given the similarity of the telephone hotlines, and the requirement of the bill to annually appropriate at least \$250,000, the OLS estimates that the enactment of the bill would result in an annual increase in State expenditures of approximately \$250,000-\$400,000.

## **BILL DESCRIPTION**

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Under the bill, the division and the university would be required to train the operators of the hotline. To the greatest extent possible, these operators would be required to be: (1) familiar with the post trauma disorders and psychological and emotional disorders and conditions that are frequently experienced by fire and emergency services personnel; or (2) trained to provide counseling services involving marriage and family life, substance abuse, personal stress management, and other psychological or emotional disorders or conditions that may adversely affect fire and emergency services personnel.

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The OLS estimates that the enactment of the bill would result in an annual increase in State expenditures associated with the creation and maintenance of the "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. Most notably, the bill requires the State to annually appropriate an amount not less than \$250,000 to support the hotline. In addition, the proposed telephone hotline would be substantially similar to the "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline currently maintained by the Department of Human Services (DHS), to which the State has annually appropriated \$400,000 since FY2013. The OLS therefore estimates that the enactment of the bill would result in an annual increase in State expenditures of approximately \$250,000-\$400,000.

“New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services” Telephone Hotline

The bill requires the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs, in consultation with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care, to establish a 24-hour, toll-free “New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline to assist fire and emergency services personnel who experience depression, anxiety, stress, or any other psychological or emotional disorder.

The bill requires the State to annually appropriate an amount not less than \$250,000, as determined by the Commissioner of Community Affairs, to support the costs of operating the telephone hotline. The enactment of the bill would therefore result in an annual increase in State expenditures of at least \$250,000. However, the OLS notes that this annual appropriation would be subject to the provisions of the annual appropriations act.

Under the bill, the annual appropriation would be payable from the proceeds of the fees and penalties derived from fire code enforcement activities pursuant to the “Uniform Fire Safety Act,” P.L.1983, c.383 (C.52:27D-192 et seq.). Fee and penalty collections under the “Uniform Fire Safety Act” are currently used to support the general operations of the Division of Fire Safety, which is the State agency responsible for enforcing the State’s Uniform Fire Code and developing public education and firefighter training programs. Any monies used to support the telephone hotline would therefore be redirected from the general operations of the division.

"Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" Telephone Hotline

Pursuant to section 115 of P.L.2008, c.29 (C.26:2NN-1), the DHS currently maintains a 24-hour, toll-free "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. Similar to the telephone hotline proposed in this bill, the "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" hotline responds to calls from law enforcement officers and sheriff's officers who experience depression, anxiety, stress, or any other psychological or emotional tension, trauma, or disorder.

Prior to the enactment of P.L.2008, c.29, the Department of Personnel was the State agency responsible for maintaining the telephone hotline. In 2000, the department contracted with Rutgers University to establish the hotline, which also became known as the “Cop 2 Cop” program. Since FY2013, the State has annually appropriated \$400,000 from the Body Armor Replacement Fund to the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in the DHS to support the purposes of the “Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services” hotline and the reporting and operations of the “Cop 2 Cop” program.

Given (1) the similarity of “Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline to the “New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline provided in the bill; and (2) the requirement of the bill to annually appropriate an amount not less than \$250,000; the OLS estimates that the enactment of the bill would result in an annual increase in State expenditures of approximately \$250,000-\$400,000.

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Assistant Research Analyst  
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Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4357

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/17/2019)**

1 AN ACT establishing and funding a “New Jersey Fire and EMS  
2 Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline and  
3 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. As used in P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
9 Legislature as this bill):

10 "Division" means the Division of Fire Safety in the Department  
11 of Community Affairs.

12 "University" means Rutgers, The State University/University  
13 Behavioral Health Care.

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15 2. a. The division, in conjunction with the university, shall  
16 establish and maintain, on a 24-hour daily basis, a toll-free "New  
17 Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone  
18 hotline. The hotline shall receive and respond to calls from fire and  
19 emergency services personnel who experience depression, anxiety,  
20 stress, or any other psychological or emotional disorder or  
21 condition. The operators of the hotline shall identify and refer  
22 callers to further debriefing and counseling services.

23 b. The operators of the hotline shall be trained by the division  
24 and the university, and, to the greatest extent possible, shall be  
25 persons who are: (1) familiar with the post-trauma disorders and  
26 psychological and emotional disorders and conditions that are  
27 frequently experienced by fire and emergency services personnel; or  
28 (2) trained to provide counseling services involving marriage and  
29 family life, substance abuse, personal stress management, and other  
30 emotional or psychological disorders or conditions that may  
31 adversely affect fire and emergency services personnel.

32 c. The division and the university shall provide for the  
33 confidentiality of the names of the fire and emergency services  
34 personnel calling, the information discussed by a caller and  
35 operator, and any referrals for further debriefing or counseling.  
36 However, the division, after consultation with the university, may,  
37 by rule and regulation, establish guidelines for monitoring any fire  
38 or emergency services caller who exhibits signs of a severe  
39 emotional or psychological disorder or condition which the operator  
40 handling the call reasonably believes may result in harm to the  
41 caller or any other person.

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43 3. The division, after consultation with the university, shall  
44 prepare a list of the following persons who are willing to accept  
45 referrals and administer the debriefing and counseling services  
46 provided through the telephone hotline: appropriately licensed or  
47 certified psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers;  
48 appropriately trained and qualified counselors; and experienced

1 former fire and emergency services personnel.

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3 4. In establishing the hotline pursuant to the provisions of P.L.,  
4 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the  
5 division and university shall consult with a representative from the  
6 New Jersey Career Fire Chiefs Association; New Jersey State  
7 Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association; Professional  
8 Firefighters Association of New Jersey; New Jersey Hospital  
9 Association; New Jersey Association of Paramedic Programs; EMS  
10 Council of New Jersey; New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association;  
11 any other exclusive bargaining representative for a New Jersey fire  
12 department or force, or emergency services agency or provider; and  
13 any others that the division deems appropriate.

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15 5. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an  
16 amount not less than \$250,000, as determined by the Commissioner  
17 of Community Affairs, shall be annually appropriated to defray the  
18 costs associated with operating and maintaining the "New Jersey  
19 Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The  
20 appropriation shall be payable out of the fees and penalties derived  
21 from fire code enforcement activities pursuant to the "Uniform Fire  
22 Safety Act," P.L.1983, c.383 (C.52:27D-192 et seq.).

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24 6. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fifth month  
25 following enactment, but the Director of the Division of Fire Safety  
26 may take any anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall  
27 be necessary for the implementation of the act.

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30 STATEMENT

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32 This bill directs the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of  
33 Community Affairs, in conjunction with Rutgers, The State  
34 University/University Behavioral Health Care, to establish a 24-  
35 hour, toll-free "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention  
36 Services" telephone hotline. The division and university are to  
37 consult with representatives of certain fire and emergency services  
38 organizations when establishing the hotline.

39 The hotline would be available to fire and emergency services  
40 personnel experiencing depression, anxiety, stress, or any other  
41 psychological or emotional disorder or condition. When necessary  
42 and appropriate, hotline operators would refer callers to further  
43 debriefing and counseling services.

44 To ensure the integrity of the telephone hotline and to encourage  
45 fire and emergency services personnel to utilize those services, the  
46 division is required to provide for the confidentiality of each caller  
47 to the hotline. However, the division, after consultation with the  
48 university, may establish guidelines for monitoring any fire or

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1 emergency services caller who exhibits signs of a severe  
2 psychological or emotional disorder or condition that may result in  
3 harm to the caller or others.

4 The division and the university are required to train the hotline  
5 operators. To the greatest extent possible, these operators are to be:  
6 (1) familiar with the post trauma disorders and psychological and  
7 emotional disorders and conditions that are frequently experienced  
8 by fire and emergency services personnel; or (2) trained to provide  
9 counseling services involving marriage and family life, substance  
10 abuse, personal stress management, and other psychological or  
11 emotional disorders or conditions that may adversely affect fire and  
12 emergency services personnel.

13 The bill also directs the division, after consultation with the  
14 university, to prepare a list of the following persons who are willing  
15 to assist hotline callers: (1) licensed or certified psychiatrists,  
16 psychologists, and social workers; (2) qualified counselors; (3) and  
17 experienced former fire and emergency services personnel.

18 The bill also requires the State to annually appropriate an amount  
19 not less than \$250,000, as determined by the Commissioner of  
20 Community Affairs, to support the costs associated with operating  
21 and maintaining the telephone hotline. This annual appropriation  
22 would be supported through the fees and penalties collected by the  
23 division through fire code enforcement activities.



# ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 4357

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 7, 2019

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4357.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No 4357 directs the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs, in conjunction with Rutgers, The State University/University Behavioral Health Care, to establish a 24-hour, toll-free "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The division and university are to consult with representatives of certain fire and emergency services organizations when establishing the hotline.

The hotline is available to fire and emergency services personnel experiencing depression, anxiety, stress, or any other psychological or emotional disorder or condition. When necessary and appropriate, hotline operators refer callers to further debriefing and counseling services.

To ensure the integrity of the telephone hotline and to encourage fire and emergency services personnel to utilize those services, the division is required to provide for the confidentiality of each caller to the hotline. However, the division, after consultation with the university, may establish guidelines for monitoring any fire or emergency services caller who exhibits signs of a severe psychological or emotional disorder or condition that may result in harm to the caller or others.

The division and the university are required to train the hotline operators. To the greatest extent possible, these operators are to be: (1) familiar with the post trauma disorders and psychological and emotional disorders and conditions that are frequently experienced by fire and emergency services personnel; or (2) trained to provide counseling services involving marriage and family life, substance abuse, personal stress management, and other psychological or emotional disorders or conditions that may adversely affect fire and emergency services personnel.

This bill also directs the division, after consultation with the university, to prepare a list of the following persons who are willing to assist hotline callers: (1) licensed or certified psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers; (2) qualified counselors; (3) and experienced former fire and emergency services personnel.

The bill requires the State to annually appropriate an amount not less than \$250,000, as determined by the Commissioner of Community

Affairs, to support the costs associated with operating and maintaining the telephone hotline. This annual appropriation is supported through the fees and penalties collected by the division through fire code enforcement activities.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4357 is identical to Senate Bill No. 2898, which also was reported by the committee on this date.

# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 4357

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4357.

Assembly Bill No 4357 directs the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs, in conjunction with Rutgers, The State University/University Behavioral Health Care, to establish a 24-hour, toll-free "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The division and university are to consult with representatives of certain fire and emergency services organizations when establishing the hotline.

The hotline is available to fire and emergency services personnel experiencing depression, anxiety, stress, or any other psychological or emotional disorder or condition. When necessary and appropriate, hotline operators refer callers to further debriefing and counseling services.

To ensure the integrity of the telephone hotline and to encourage fire and emergency services personnel to utilize those services, the division is required to provide for the confidentiality of each caller to the hotline. However, the division, after consultation with the university, may establish guidelines for monitoring any fire or emergency services caller who exhibits signs of a severe psychological or emotional disorder or condition that may result in harm to the caller or others.

The division and the university are required to train the hotline operators. To the greatest extent possible, these operators are to be: (1) familiar with the post trauma disorders and psychological and emotional disorders and conditions that are frequently experienced by fire and emergency services personnel; or (2) trained to provide counseling services involving marriage and family life, substance abuse, personal stress management, and other psychological or emotional disorders or conditions that may adversely affect fire and emergency services personnel.

This bill also directs the division, after consultation with the university, to prepare a list of the following persons who are willing to assist hotline callers: (1) licensed or certified psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers; (2) qualified counselors; (3) and experienced former fire and emergency services personnel.

The bill requires the State to annually appropriate an amount not less than \$250,000, as determined by the Commissioner of Community

Affairs, to support the costs associated with operating and maintaining the telephone hotline. This annual appropriation is supported through the fees and penalties collected by the division through fire code enforcement activities.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4357 is identical to Senate Bill No. 2898, which also was reported by the committee on this date.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Office of Legislative Service (OLS) estimates that enactment of the bill would result in an annual increase in State expenditures of approximately \$250,000 to \$400,000 associated with the creation and maintenance of the “New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline.

The OLS notes that the proposed hotline would be similar to the “Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline currently maintained by the Department of Human Services on conjunction with Rutgers University Behavioral Care. Since Fiscal Year 2013, the State has annually appropriated \$400,000 to support that hotline. Given the similarity of the telephone hotlines, and the requirement of the bill to annually appropriate at least \$250,000, the OLS estimates that the enactment of the bill would result in an annual increase in State expenditures of approximately \$250,000 to \$400,000.

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 4357**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**218th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: MAY 31, 2019

**SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Establishes “New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline; provides funding for hotline through fire inspection fees and penalties.
- Type of Impact:** Increase in State expenditures.
- Agencies Affected:** Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs.

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2</u></b>	<b><u>Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost Increase</b>	\$250,000-\$400,000	\$250,000-\$400,000	\$250,000-\$400,000

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the enactment of the bill would result in an annual increase in State expenditures of approximately \$250,000 to \$400,000 associated with the creation and maintenance of the “New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline.
- The bill requires the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs, in consultation with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care, to establish a 24-hour telephone hotline to assist fire and emergency services personnel who experience depression, anxiety, stress, or any other psychological or emotional disorder.
- The bill requires the State to annually appropriate at least \$250,000, as determined by the Commissioner of Community Affairs, to support the telephone hotline. The annual appropriation would be payable from the collection of fees and penalties under the “Uniform Fire Safety Act,” which are currently used to support the operations of the Division of Fire Safety.
- The OLS notes that the proposed hotline would be similar to the “Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline currently maintained by the Department of Human Services (DHS), in conjunction with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care. Since FY 2013, the State has annually appropriated \$400,000 to support that hotline.

- Given the similarity of the telephone hotlines, and the requirement of the bill to annually appropriate at least \$250,000, the OLS estimates that the enactment of the bill would result in an annual increase in State expenditures of approximately \$250,000 to \$400,000.

## **BILL DESCRIPTION**

The bill directs the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs, in conjunction with Rutgers, The State University/University Behavioral Health Care, to establish a 24-hour, toll-free "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The hotline would be available to fire and emergency services personnel experiencing depression, anxiety, stress, or any other psychological or emotional disorder or condition. When necessary and appropriate, hotline operators would refer callers to further debriefing and counseling services.

The division and the university would be required to train the operators of the hotline. To the greatest extent possible, these operators would be required to be: (1) familiar with the post trauma disorders and psychological and emotional disorders and conditions that are frequently experienced by fire and emergency services personnel; or (2) trained to provide counseling services involving marriage and family life, substance abuse, personal stress management, and other psychological or emotional disorders or conditions that may adversely affect fire and emergency services personnel.

After consultation with the university, the division also would be required to prepare a list of the following persons who would be willing to assist hotline callers: (1) licensed or certified psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers; (2) qualified counselors; and (3) experienced former fire and emergency services personnel.

The bill also requires the State to annually appropriate an amount not less than \$250,000, as determined by the Commissioner of Community Affairs, to support the costs associated with operating and maintaining the telephone hotline. This annual appropriation would be supported through the fees and penalties collected by the division through fire code enforcement activities.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The OLS estimates that the enactment of the bill would result in an annual increase in State expenditures associated with the creation and maintenance of the "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. Most notably, the bill requires the State to annually appropriate at least \$250,000 to support the hotline. In addition, the proposed telephone hotline would be substantially similar to the "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline currently maintained by the Department of Human Services, to which the State has annually appropriated \$400,000 since FY 2013. The OLS therefore estimates that the enactment of the bill would result in an annual increase in State expenditures of approximately \$250,000 to \$400,000.

“New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services” Telephone Hotline

The bill requires the Division of Fire Safety in the Department of Community Affairs, in consultation with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care, to establish a 24-hour, toll-free “New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline to assist fire and emergency services personnel who experience depression, anxiety, stress, or any other psychological or emotional disorder.

The bill requires the State to annually appropriate an amount not less than \$250,000, as determined by the Commissioner of Community Affairs, to support the costs of operating the telephone hotline. The enactment of the bill would therefore result in an annual increase in State expenditures of at least \$250,000. However, the OLS notes that this annual appropriation would be subject to the provisions of the annual appropriations act.

Under the bill, the annual appropriation would be payable from the proceeds of the fees and penalties derived from fire code enforcement activities pursuant to the “Uniform Fire Safety Act,” P.L.1983, c.383 (C.52:27D-192 et seq.). Fee and penalty collections under the “Uniform Fire Safety Act” are currently used to support the general operations of the Division of Fire Safety, which is responsible for enforcing the State’s Uniform Fire Code and developing public education and firefighter training programs. Any monies used to support the telephone hotline would therefore be redirected from the general operations of the division.

“Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services” Telephone Hotline

Pursuant to section 115 of P.L.2008, c.29 (C.26:2NN-1), the DHS currently maintains a 24-hour, toll-free “Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services” telephone hotline. Similar to the telephone hotline proposed in this bill, the Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services hotline responds to calls from law enforcement officers and sheriff’s officers who experience depression, anxiety, stress, or any other psychological or emotional tension, trauma, or disorder.

Prior to the enactment of P.L.2008, c.29, the Department of Personnel was the State agency responsible for maintaining the telephone hotline. In 2000, the department contracted with Rutgers University to establish the hotline, which also became known as the “Cop 2 Cop” program. Since FY 2013, the State has annually appropriated \$400,000 from the Body Armor Replacement Fund to the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in the DHS to support the purposes of the Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services hotline and the reporting and operations of the Cop 2 Cop program.

Given the similarity of Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services telephone hotline to the New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services telephone hotline provided in the bill, and the requirement of the bill to annually appropriate an amount not less than \$250,000, the OLS estimates that the enactment of the bill would result in an annual increase in State expenditures of approximately \$250,000 to \$400,000.

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 Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/13/2020

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

**A268 (Kean, Egan, Holley/Singer, Gopal)** - "P.I.C.K. Awareness Act"; authorizes issuance of special support recovery license plates.

**A790 (Andrzejczak, Land, Mosquera, Mukherji, Downey, Zwicker, Mazzeo/Connors, Singleton)** - "Combat to College Act"; grants priority course registration to military service members and veterans attending public institutions of higher education.

**A791 (Andrzejczak, Land, Mosquera, Danielsen, Mukherji, Downey, Zwicker/Van Drew, Brown)** - Requires institution of higher education to award appropriate credit for student's military service.

**A1212 (McKeon, Gusciora, Vainieri Huttel/Sweeney, Smith, Bateman, Greenstein)** - Clarifies intent of P.L.2007, c.340 regarding NJ's required participation in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

**A1305 (Greenwald/Rice)** - Renames Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility as "William H. Fauver Youth Correctional Facility."

**A1576 (Conaway, Giblin/Vitale)** - Requires certain health care facilities to provide, and employees to receive, annual influenza vaccination.

**A1582 (Conaway, Moriarty, Mosquera, Benson, Pinkin, Giblin, Quijano/Weinberg, Ruiz)** - Establishes "Dietetics and Nutrition Licensing Act".

**A1991 (Sumter, Munoz, Mukherji/Singer, Gordon)** - Requires students at institutions of higher education to receive immunization for meningitis in accordance with recommendations of Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

**A3101 (Egan Jones, Benson, Land/Singleton)** - Increases minimum annual amounts for appropriation for certain arts, historical heritage, and tourism purposes from hotel and motel occupancy fee revenues.

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**A3160 (Lampitt, Giblin, Murphy/Beach)** - Permits cosmetology and hairstyling school clinics to charge certain fees for services rendered to general public.

**A3832 (Mukherji, McKnight, Chiaravalloti/Cryan, Stack)** - Authorizes municipal tax levy through public question for certain purposes; clarifies ability of local government entities to issue non-recourse bonds; appropriates \$100,000.

**A4493 (Pinkin, Conaway, Vainieri Huttel/Vitale)** - Authorizes expedited partner therapy, under which sexual partners or patients diagnosed with sexually transmitted disease are treated without prior clinical examination.

**A4608 (Zwicker, Downey/Weinberg, Kean)** - " Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Act."

**A4710 (Lampitt, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttel/Beach,Turner)** - "Strengthening Gifted and Talented Education Act"; establishes school district responsibilities in educating gifted and talented students.

**A5037 (Pintor Marin, Speight, Vainieri Huttel/Andrzejczak, Greenstein)** - Enhances penalties related to counterfeit drugs.

**A5091 (McKeon, Vainieri Huttel, Pinkin/Pou, Singleton)** - Establishes "Safeguarding Against Financial Exploitation Act."

**A5263 (Tully, Armato/Corrado)** - Requires four-year public institution of higher education to award college credits to firefighters for certain courses completed at county fire academies.



**A5277 (DeAngelo, Houghtaling/Greenstein)** - Eliminates term limits for members of State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers and State Board of Examiners of Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors.

**A5624 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Lampitt/Weinberg, Corrado)** - Requires that State employee serve as Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action officer for gubernatorial transitions.

**A5625 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Lampitt/Weinberg, Corrado)** - Requires payment of expenses related to background investigations for certain gubernatorial transition positions.

**A5628 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, McKnight/Weinberg, Corrado)** - Requires Civil Service Commission establish standardize recordkeeping and retention requirements with regard to unclassified State employees.

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**A5631 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Pinkin/Weinberg, Corrado)** - Specifies certain requirements for State agency review of complaint of workplace discrimination.

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**A5632 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Reynolds-Jackson/Weinberg)** - Requires certain public employees receive additional training to manage harassment or discrimination complaints.

**A5917 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight/Cunningham, Weinberg)** - Expands DOH oversight of hospital finances.

**A6007 (McKeon/Pou)** - Requires insurers and insurance groups to submit corporate governance annual disclosure to DOBI Commissioner.

**S463 (Singer, Greenstein/Dancer, Calabrese, DeAngelo)** - Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for Meals on Wheels.

**S538 (Oroho, Stack/Wirths, Vaineri Huttie, Bucco)** - Allows long term tax exemption extension for certain low-income housing.

**S775 (Cunningham, Sacco/Sumter, Caride, Vainieri Huttie)** - Establishes Tuition Aid Grant Study Commission to examine New Jersey's Tuition Aid Grant Program and make recommendations regarding improvements to program.

**S778 (Cunningham, Kean/Quijano, Jasey, Pintor Marin)** - Establishes Campus Sexual Assault Commission.

**S1493 (Stack, Singleton/Quijano, Chaparro, Timberlake)** - Prohibits landlords from requiring residential tenants to pay rent and other related charges through electronic funds transfer; requires landlords to provide receipts for cash payments.

**S1508 (Turner, Singleton/Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter, Wimberly)** - Eliminates motor vehicle surcharges following retirement of bonds and debts tied to surcharges.

**S1834 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Quijano, Murphy)** - Requires each public institution of higher education to post its budget on the institution's website.

**S1953 (Oroho, Cruz-Perez/Space, Andrzejcack, Wirths)** - Directs Dept. of Agriculture to authorize and advise food hubs.

**S1966 (Sweeney, Singleton/Taliaferro)** - Increases death benefit of active member of PFRS and SPRS to 50 percent of final compensation for surviving child or children.

**S2527 (Ruiz, Turner/Lampitt, Quijano, Timberlake)** - Requires Department of Agriculture to promote school meal programs.

**S2533 (Greenstein, Cruz-Perez/Vainieri Huttie, Lopez, Timberlake)** - Requires Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy to provide services to certain inmates.

**S2898 (Madden, Sarlo/Murphy, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttie)** - Establishes "New Jersey Fire and EMS Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline; provides funding for hotline through fire inspection fees and penalties.

**S2980 (Ruiz/Lampitt, McKnight)** - Provides that school district may not condition student enrollment in district on fact that MVC does not have name or address of parent or guardian on file.

**S2982 (Ruiz/Lampitt, Mukherji, Lopez)** - Clarifies that child may not be excluded from public school based on membership in protected category under "Law Against Discrimination" or immigration status.

**S2998 (Ruiz/Freiman, Downey)** - Requires creditors to make certain disclosures regarding collateral protection insurance to consumer debtors.

**S3064 (Ruiz, Singleton/Armato, Conaway, Swain)** - Establishes task force to develop State-wide plan to diversify apprenticeships.

**S3066 (Ruiz, Singleton/Lampitt, Mukherji, Benson)** - Creates five year High-Growth Industry Regional Apprenticeship Development Grant Pilot Program.

**S3118 (Ruiz/Speight, Munoz, Tucker)** - Establishes public awareness campaign to promote early conversations about advance care planning and end-of-life care.

**S3124 (Stack/Mukherji)** - Requires landlords to allow tenants to pay rent up to three business days after eviction order or lockout is executed and accept rent payments by any means.

**S3206 (Pou, Cruz-Perez/Lopez, McKeon, Murphy)** - Establishes "Unbanked and Underbanked Consumers Study Commission."

**S3215 (Greenstein, Singleton/Zwicker, Mukherji, Swain)** - Requires State to use 20-year time horizon and most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Assessment Report when calculating global warming potential to measure global warming impact of greenhouse gases.

**S3246 (Sarlo, Singleton, Oroho, Bucco/Benson, Bucco, Freiman)** - Establishes elective pass-through entity business alternative income tax and allows corresponding refundable gross income tax and corporation business tax credit.

**S3327 (Ruiz, Cruz-Perez/Lopez, Timberlake)** - Establishes Commission on Latino and Hispanic Heritage in DOE.

**S3348 (Weinberg/Vainieri Huttle, McKnight)** - Requires home health agencies and specialty pharmacies providing services related to bleeding episodes associated with hemophilia to comply with certain minimum practice standards.

**S3528 (Scutari, Codey/Vainieri Huttle, Quijano, Kennedy)** - Establishes process to obtain judgement of adoption for civil union partner or spouse of natural or legal parent of child when that person is named as parent on child's birth certificate.

**S3574 (Scutari, Kean, Cryan/Carter, Kennedy, Freiman)** - Requires NJT to conduct feasibility study on restoring one-seat ride to Manhattan on Raritan Valley Line.

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

**A2431 (Benson, Jimenez, DeCroce, Eustace/Weinberg, Kean)** – Requires health insurers to provide plans that limit patient cost-sharing concerning certain prescription drug coverage.

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**A4978 (Timberlake, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttle/Greenstein, Cryan)** – Prohibits online education services from using and disclosing certain information, engaging in targeted advertising, and requires deletion of certain information in certain circumstances.

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**S3920 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter)** – Concerns provision of energy to certain manufacturing facilities by providing exemptions to certain energy related taxes.

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Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bill:

**S4139 (Greenstein/Benson)** - Makes Fiscal Year 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$250,000 to Rutgers University - New Brunswick for School of Dental Medicine - Special Care Treatment Center.

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