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"Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services"

BILL NO: A1801 (Substituted for S625 - 2nd Reprint)

SPONSOR(S): Farragher and Corodemus

DATE INTRODUCED: March 9, 1998

COMMITTEE:

ASSEMBLY: Law and Public Safety; Appropriations

SENATE: ~~~~

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE:

ASSEMBLY: November 23, 1998

SENATE: October 22, 1998

DATE OF APPROVAL: January 5, 1998

THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL: 2nd Reprint
(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

A1801

SPONSORS STATEMENT: *Yes* (Begins on page 3 of original bill)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY:*Yes*

June 1, 1998

June 15, 1998

SENATE:*No*

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: *Yes*

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: *Yes*

S625

SPONSORS STATEMENT: *Yes* (Begins on page 3 of original bill)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY: *No*

SENATE: *Yes*

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: *Yes*

July 30, 1998

September 28, 1998

(Identical to Senate Floor Amendment Statements to A1801)

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: *Yes*

(Identical to Legislative Fiscal Estimate for A1801)

VETO MESSAGE: *No*

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING: *Yes*

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[Second Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1801

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 9, 1998

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman CLARE M. FARRAGHER

District 12 (Monmouth)

Assemblyman STEVE CORODEMUS

District 11 (Monmouth)

Co-Sponsored by:

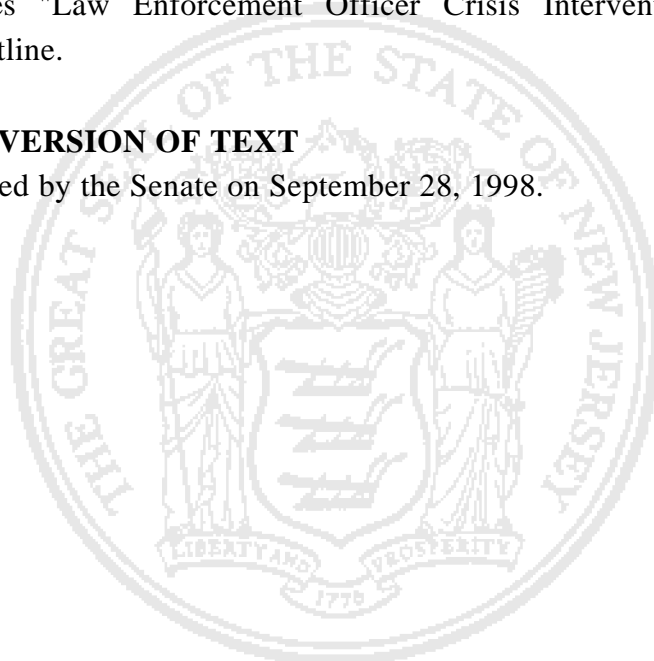
**Assemblyman Blee, Assemblywoman Heck, Assemblyman Thompson,
Senators Kyriillos, Robertson, Rice and Allen**

SYNOPSIS

Establishes "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on September 28, 1998.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/24/1998)

A1801 [2R] FARRAGHER, CORODEMUS

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1 AN ACT establishing a toll-free "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis
2 Intervention Services" telephone hotline, supplementing Title 11A
3 of the New Jersey Statutes ¹and amending ²[N.J.S.26:64-6¹]
4 R.S.39:5-41².

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

8
9 1. (New section) a. The Commissioner of Personnel shall establish
10 and maintain, on a 24-hour daily basis, a toll-free information "Law
11 Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline.
12 The hotline shall receive and respond to calls from law enforcement
13 officers and sheriff's officers who have been involved in any event or
14 incident which has produced personal or job-related depression,
15 anxiety, stress, or other psychological or emotional tension, trauma,
16 or disorder for the officer. The operators of the hotline shall seek to
17 identify those officers who should be referred to further debriefing and
18 counseling services, and to provide such referrals.

19 b. The operators of the hotline shall be trained by the commissioner
20 and, to the greatest extent possible, shall be persons, who by
21 experience or education, are: (1) familiar with post trauma disorders
22 and the emotional and psychological tensions, depressions, and
23 anxieties unique to law enforcement officers and sheriff's officers; or
24 (2) trained to provide counseling services involving marriage and
25 family life, substance abuse, personal stress management and other
26 emotional or psychological disorders or conditions which may be likely
27 to adversely affect the personal and professional well-being of a law
28 enforcement officer and a sheriff's officer.

29 c. To ensure the integrity of the telephone hotline and to encourage
30 officers to utilize it, the commissioner shall provide for the
31 confidentiality of the names of the officers calling, the information
32 discussed by that officer and the operator, and any referrals for further
33 debriefing or counseling; provided, however, the commissioner may,
34 by rule and regulation, establish guidelines providing for the tracking
35 of any officer who exhibits a severe emotional or psychological
36 disorder or condition which the operator handling the call reasonably
37 believes might result in harm to the officer or others.

38
39 2. (New section) The commissioner shall prepare a list of
40 appropriately licensed or certified psychiatrists, psychologists, and
41 social workers; other appropriately trained and qualified counselors;

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted June 15, 1998.

² Senate floor amendments adopted September 28, 1998.

1 and experienced former law enforcement officers who are willing to
2 accept referrals and to participate in the debriefing and counseling
3 offered law enforcement officers and sheriff's officers under the
4 provisions of this act.

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6 3. (New section) In establishing the hotline authorized under the
7 provisions of section 1 of this act, the commissioner shall consult with
8 a representative from the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police;
9 a State representative from the New Jersey State Patrolmen's
10 Benevolent Association, Fraternal Order of Police, the New Jersey
11 Corrections Officers Association, and any other exclusive bargaining
12 representative for a law enforcement agency; and such others as the
13 commissioner may deem appropriate.

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15 ²[¹⁴. N.J.S.2C:64-6 is amended to read as follows:

16 2C:64-6. Disposal of Forfeited Property. a. Property which has
17 been forfeited shall be destroyed if it can serve no lawful purpose or
18 it presents a danger to the public health, safety or welfare. All other
19 forfeited property or any proceeds resulting from the forfeiture and all
20 money seized pursuant to this chapter shall become the property of the
21 entity funding the prosecuting agency involved and shall be disposed
22 of, distributed, appropriated and used in accordance with the
23 provisions of this chapter.

24 The prosecutor or the Attorney General, whichever is prosecuting
25 the case, shall divide the forfeited property, any proceeds resulting
26 from the forfeiture or any money seized pursuant to this chapter with
27 any other entity where the other entity's law enforcement agency
28 participated in the surveillance, investigation, arrest or prosecution
29 resulting in the forfeiture, in proportion to the other entity's
30 contribution to the surveillance, investigation, arrest or prosecution
31 resulting in the forfeiture, as determined in the discretion of the
32 prosecutor or the Attorney General, whichever is prosecuting the case.
33 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, such forfeited property
34 and proceeds shall be used solely for law enforcement purposes, and
35 shall be designated for the exclusive use of the law enforcement
36 agency which contributed to the surveillance, investigation, arrest or
37 prosecution resulting in the forfeiture.

38 The Attorney General is authorized to promulgate rules and
39 regulations to implement and enforce the provisions of this act.

40 b. For a period of two years from the date of enactment of
41 P.L.1993, c.227 (C.26:4-100.13 et al.), 10% of the proceeds obtained
42 by the Attorney General under the provisions of subsection a. of this
43 section shall be deposited into the Hepatitis Inoculation Fund
44 established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1993, c.227 (C.26:4-100.13).

45 c. Beginning two years from the date of enactment of P.L.1993,
46 c.227 (C.26:4-100.13 et al.) and in subsequent years, 5% of the

1 proceeds obtained by the Attorney General under the provisions of
2 subsection a. of this section shall be deposited into the Hepatitis
3 Inoculation Fund established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1993, c.227
4 (C.26:4-100.13).

5 d. The Attorney General shall annually allocate from the proceeds
6 obtained under the provisions of subsection a. of this section such
7 amounts to the Department of Personnel as are required for the
8 purposes of fully funding the operation of the "Law Enforcement
9 Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline established
10 and maintained under the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.)(now
11 pending before the Legislature as this bill) after application of the
12 funds allocated to the hotline pursuant to subsection d. of R.S.39:5-
13 41.¹

14 (cf: P.L.1993, c.227, s.1)]²

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16 ²4. R.S.39:5-41 is amended to read as follows:

17 39:5-41. a. All fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and collected
18 under authority of law for any violations of R.S.39:4-63 and
19 R.S.39:4-64 shall be forwarded by the judge to whom the same have
20 been paid to the proper financial officer of a county, if the violation
21 occurred within the jurisdiction of that county's central municipal
22 court, established pursuant to N.J.S.2B:12-1 et seq. or the
23 municipality wherein the violation occurred, to be used by the county
24 or municipality to help finance litter control activities in addition to or
25 supplementing existing litter pickup and removal activities in the
26 municipality.

27 b. Except as otherwise provided by subsection a. of this section, all
28 fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and collected under authority
29 of law for any violations of the provisions of this Title, other than
30 those violations in which the complaining witness is the director, a
31 member of his staff, a member of the State Police, a member of a
32 county police department and force or a county park police system in
33 a county that has established a central municipal court, an inspector of
34 the Board of Public Utilities, or a law enforcement officer of any other
35 State agency, shall be forwarded by the judge to whom the same have
36 been paid as follows: one-half of the total amount collected to the
37 financial officer, as designated by the local governing body, of the
38 respective municipalities wherein the violations occurred, to be used
39 by the municipality for general municipal use and to defray the cost of
40 operating the municipal court; and one-half of the total amount
41 collected to the proper financial officer of the county wherein they
42 were collected, to be used by the county as a fund for the
43 construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of roads and
44 bridges, snow removal, the acquisition and purchase of rights-of-way,
45 and the purchase, replacement and repair of equipment for use on said
46 roads and bridges therein. Up to 25% of the money received by a

1 municipality pursuant to this subsection, but not more than the actual
2 amount budgeted for the municipal court, whichever is less, may be
3 used to upgrade case processing.

4 All fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and collected under
5 authority of law for any violations of the provisions of this Title, in
6 which the complaining witness is a member of a county police
7 department and force or a county park police system in a county that
8 has established a central municipal court, shall be forwarded by the
9 judge to whom the same have been paid to the financial officer,
10 designated by the governing body of the county, for all violations
11 occurring within the jurisdiction of that court, to be used for general
12 county use and to defray the cost of operating the central municipal
13 court.

14 Whenever any county has deposited moneys collected pursuant to
15 this section in a special trust fund in lieu of expending the same for the
16 purposes authorized by this section, it may withdraw from said special
17 trust fund in any year an amount which is not in excess of the amount
18 expended by the county over the immediately preceding three-year
19 period from general county revenues for said purposes. Such moneys
20 withdrawn from the trust fund shall be accounted for and used as are
21 other general county revenues.

22 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1993, c.293.)

23 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections a. and b. of this
24 section, \$1.00 shall be added to the amount of each fine and penalty
25 imposed and collected under authority of any law for any violation of
26 the provisions of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes or any other motor
27 vehicle or traffic violation in this State and shall be forwarded by the
28 person to whom the same are paid to the State Treasurer. In addition,
29 upon the forfeiture of bail, \$1.00 of that forfeiture shall be forwarded
30 to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually deposit
31 those moneys so forwarded in the "Body Armor Replacement" fund
32 established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1997, c.177 (C.52:17B-4.4).
33 Beginning in the fiscal year next following the effective date of this
34 act, the State Treasurer annually shall allocate from those moneys so
35 forwarded an amount not to exceed [~~\$250,000~~] \$400,000 to the
36 Department of Personnel to be expended exclusively for the purposes
37 of funding the operation of the "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis
38 Intervention Services" telephone hotline established and maintained
39 under the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the
40 Legislature as [Assembly, No. 806 of 1996] this bill).²
41 (cf: P.L.1997, c.177, s.2)

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43 ¹[4.] 5.¹ This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth
44 month following enactment, but the Commissioner of Personnel may
45 take such anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be
46 necessary for the implementation of the act.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1801

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 9, 1998

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman CLARE M. FARRAGHER

District 12 (Monmouth)

Assemblyman STEVE CORODEMUS

District 11 (Monmouth)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Blee

SYNOPSIS

Establishes "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/16/1998)

A1801 FARRAGHER, CORODEMUS

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
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9 and maintain, on a 24-hour daily basis, a toll-free information "Law
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12 officers and sheriff's officers who have been involved in any event or
13 incident which has produced personal or job-related depression,
14 anxiety, stress, or other psychological or emotional tension, trauma,
15 or disorder for the officer. The operators of the hotline shall seek to
16 identify those officers who should be referred to further debriefing and
17 counseling services, and to provide such referrals.

18 b. The operators of the hotline shall be trained by the commissioner
19 and, to the greatest extent possible, shall be persons, who by
20 experience or education, are: (1) familiar with post trauma disorders
21 and the emotional and psychological tensions, depressions, and
22 anxieties unique to law enforcement officers and sheriff's officers; or
23 (2) trained to provide counseling services involving marriage and
24 family life, substance abuse, personal stress management and other
25 emotional or psychological disorders or conditions which may be likely
26 to adversely affect the personal and professional well-being of a law
27 enforcement officer and a sheriff's officer.

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29 officers to utilize it, the commissioner shall provide for the
30 confidentiality of the names of the officers calling, the information
31 discussed by that officer and the operator, and any referrals for further
32 debriefing or counseling; provided, however, the commissioner may,
33 by rule and regulation, establish guidelines providing for the tracking
34 of any officer who exhibits a severe emotional or psychological
35 disorder or condition which the operator handling the call reasonably
36 believes might result in harm to the officer or others.

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38 2. (New section) The commissioner shall prepare a list of
39 appropriately licensed or certified psychiatrists, psychologists, and
40 social workers; other appropriately trained and qualified counselors;
41 and experienced former law enforcement officers who are willing to
42 accept referrals and to participate in the debriefing and counseling
43 offered law enforcement officers and sheriff's officers under the
44 provisions of this act.

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1 provisions of section 1 of this act, the commissioner shall consult with
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3 a State representative from the New Jersey State Patrolmen's
4 Benevolent Association, Fraternal Order of Police, the New Jersey
5 Corrections Officers Association, and any other exclusive bargaining
6 representative for a law enforcement agency; and such others as the
7 commissioner may deem appropriate.

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9 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
10 following enactment, but the Commissioner of Personnel may take
11 such anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary
12 for the implementation of the act.

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15 STATEMENT

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17 This bill directs the Commissioner of Personnel to establish a
18 24-hour "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services"
19 telephone hotline. The hotline would receive and respond to calls
20 from law enforcement officers and sheriffs' officers who have been
21 involved in any event or incident which has produced personal or
22 job-related depression, anxiety, stress, or other psychological or
23 emotional tension, trauma, pressure, or disorder for the officer. The
24 hotline operators are to seek to identify those officers who should be
25 referred to further debriefing and counseling services, and to provide
26 such referrals.

27 The hotline is to be established by the Commissioner of Personnel
28 rather than a law enforcement agency in an effort to ensure that the
29 names of the callers and the information exchanged will not be
30 revealed to an officer's superiors or employer. The bill does provide,
31 however, for the commissioner to establish guidelines to provide for
32 the tracking of an officer who exhibits such a severe emotional or
33 psychological disorder or condition that the operator taking the call
34 reasonably believes harm might result to the officer or to others.

35 In establishing the hotline, the commissioner is to consult with
36 representatives from the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police,
37 the New Jersey State Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, the
38 Fraternal Order of Police, the New Jersey Corrections Officers
39 Association, and other parties who can contribute to the development
40 and operation of an effective program.

41 The bill also directs the commissioner to prepare a list of licensed
42 or certified psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers; qualified
43 counselors; and experienced former law enforcement officers who are
44 willing to participate in the program and provide debriefing and
45 counseling services.

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1801

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 1, 1998

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1801.

Assembly Bill No. 1801 directs the Commissioner of Personnel to establish a 24-hour "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The hotline would receive and respond to calls from law enforcement officers who have been involved in any event or incident which has produced personal or job-related depression, anxiety, stress, or other psychological or emotional tension, trauma, pressure, or disorder for the officer. The hotline operators are to seek to identify those officers who should be referred to further debriefing and counseling services, and to provide such referrals.

The hotline is to be established by the Commissioner of Personnel rather than a law enforcement agency in an effort to ensure that the names of the callers and the information exchanged will not be revealed to an officer's superiors or employer. The bill does provide, however, for the commissioner to establish guidelines to provide for the tracking of an officer who exhibits such a severe emotional or psychological disorder or condition that the operator taking the call reasonably believes might result in harm to the officer or to others.

In establishing the hotline, the commissioner is to consult with representatives from the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police, the New Jersey State Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, and other parties who can contribute to the development and operation of an effective program.

The bill also directs the commissioner to prepare a list of licensed or certified psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers; qualified counselors; and experienced former law enforcement officers who are willing to participate in the program and provide debriefing and counseling services.

Funding for the hotline is authorized under the provisions of P.L.1997, c.177, the statute that established the "Body Armor Replacement" fund. The law directs the State Treasurer to annually allocate an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to the Department of Personnel to operate the crisis intervention telephone hotline.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1801

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 15, 1998

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1801, with assembly committee amendments.

Assembly Bill No. 1801, as amended, directs the Commissioner of Personnel to establish a 24-hour "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The hotline will receive and respond to calls from law enforcement officers who have been involved in any event or incident which has induced personal or job-related depression, anxiety, stress, or other psychological or emotional tension, trauma, pressure, or disorder for the officer. The hotline operators will try to identify those officers who should be referred to further debriefing and counseling services, and to provide such referrals.

The hotline is to be established by the Commissioner of Personnel rather than a law enforcement agency to ensure that the names of the callers and the information exchanged will not be revealed to an officer's superiors or employer. However, the bill allows the commissioner to establish guidelines to provide for the tracking of an officer who exhibits such a severe emotional or psychological disorder or condition that the operator taking the call reasonably believes might result in harm to the officer or to others.

In establishing the hotline, the commissioner is to consult with representatives from the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police, the New Jersey State Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, and other parties who can contribute to the development and operation of an effective program.

The bill also directs the commissioner to prepare a list of licensed or certified psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers; qualified counselors; and experienced former law enforcement officers who are willing to participate in the program and provide debriefing and counseling services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the hotline is authorized under the provisions of P.L.1997, c.177, the statute that established the "Body Armor

Replacement" fund, and the State disposal of forfeited property law, N.J.S.2C:64-6. P.L.1997, c.177, directs the State Treasurer to annually allocate an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to the Department of Personnel to operate the crisis intervention telephone hotline. It is estimated that the hotline will have first year costs for personnel, materials and supplies, services other than personal, maintenance and fixed charges, and data processing charges of approximately \$399,000. This bill allocates such amounts realized from the State disposal of forfeited property as are required to fully fund the hotline.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments allocate such amounts realized from the sale of forfeited property as are required to fully fund the hotline after application of the funds allocated to the hotline pursuant to P.L.1997, c.177.

STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 1801

with Senate Floor Amendments

(Proposed By Senator KYRILLOS)
ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

Assembly Bill No. 1801 (1R) directs the Commissioner of Personnel to establish a 24-hour "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The hotline will receive and respond to calls from law enforcement officers who have been involved in any event or incident which has induced personal or job-related depression, anxiety, stress, or other psychological or emotional tension, trauma, pressure, or disorder for the officer. The hotline operators will try to identify those officers who should be referred to further debriefing and counseling services, and to provide such referrals. The hotline is to be established by the Commissioner of Personnel.

P.L.1997, c.177 amended R.S.39:5-41 to direct the State Treasurer to annually allocate an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to the Department of Personnel to operate the crisis intervention telephone hotline. As received by the Senate, the bill authorized funding for the program under the State disposal of forfeited property law, N.J.S.2C:64-6.

These Senate amendments remove the provisions of the bill providing for the use of forfeited property to fund the hotline and increase the annual allocation to the Department of Personnel in P.L.1997, c.177 from \$250,000 to \$400,000.

FISCAL NOTE

ASSEMBLY, No. 1801

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

208th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 24, 1998

Assembly Bill No. 1801 of 1998 directs the Commissioner of Personnel to establish a 24-hour, toll-free "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The hotline will be available to law enforcement and sheriffs' officers experiencing personal or job-related depression, anxiety, stress, or other psychological or emotional tension, trauma, pressure, or disorder.

Hotline operators would refer certain officers to further debriefing and counseling services, and the commissioner will establish guidelines for tracking any officer with such a severe emotional or psychological disorder or condition that it may result in harm to the officer or others.

Hotline operators are to be trained by the commissioner. Also if possible, the operators are to be persons familiar with post trauma disorders and the emotional and psychological tensions, depressions, and anxieties unique to law enforcement and sheriffs' officers, or trained professionals able to provide counseling services involving marriage and family life, substance abuse, personal stress management and other emotional or psychological disorders or conditions that may adversely affect the personal and professional well-being of such officers.

The bill also directs the commissioner to prepare a list of licensed or certified psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers, qualified counselors, and experienced former officers who are willing to accept referrals and provide debriefing and counseling services.

The Department of Personnel estimates the first-year cost at approximately \$399,000 for salaries for 11 employees, fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services other than personal, maintenance and fixed charges, and data processing charges. The cost in subsequent years will increase slightly as a result of inflation. The Office of Legislative Services concurs with this estimate.

The bill does not provide an appropriation for this cost. However, P.L.1997, c.177, enacted on July 31, 1997, provides for a \$1 increase in certain monetary fines and penalties and bail forfeitures and requires the State Treasurer to allocate from this additional revenue, beginning in Fiscal Year 1999 and annually thereafter, an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to the Department of Personnel for the operation of the

"Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. Since the operative date of P.L.1997, c.177 (September 1, 1977), this increase has generated approximately \$1.8 million. Therefore, sufficient funds would be available from this source to significantly offset more than half the cost of the implementation and operation of the hotline in the first year.

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

SENATE, No. 625

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
208th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 23, 1998

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH M. KYRILLOS, JR.
District 13 (Middlesex and Monmouth)
Senator NORMAN M. ROBERTSON
District 34 (Essex and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing a toll-free "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis
2 Intervention Services" telephone hotline, supplementing Title 11A
3 of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
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12 sheriff's officers who have been involved in any event or incident
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16 officers who should be referred to further debriefing and counseling
17 services, and to provide such referrals.

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26 to adversely affect the personal and professional well-being of a law
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29 officers to utilize it, the commissioner shall provide for the
30 confidentiality of the names of the officers calling, the information
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41 law enforcement officers who are willing to accept referrals and to
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43 officers and sheriff's officers under the provisions of this act.

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46 section 1 of this act, the commissioner shall consult with a

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3 Benevolent Association, Fraternal Order of Police, the New Jersey
4 Corrections Officers Association and any other exclusive bargaining
5 representative for a law enforcement agency; and such others as the
6 commissioner may deem appropriate.

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8 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
9 following enactment, but the Commissioner of Personnel may take
10 such anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary
11 for the implementation of the act.

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STATEMENT

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16 This bill directs the Commissioner of Personnel to establish a
17 24-hour "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services"
18 telephone hotline. The hotline would receive and respond to calls
19 from law enforcement officers and sheriffs' officers who have been
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SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 625

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 26, 1998

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 625.

This bill directs the Commissioner of Personnel to establish a 24-hour "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The hotline would receive and respond to calls from law enforcement officers and sheriffs' officers who have been involved in any event or incident which has produced personal or job-related depression, anxiety, stress or other psychological or emotional tension, trauma, pressure or disorder for the officer. The hotline will maintain the confidentiality of the callers, but will provide for the tracking of an officer who exhibits a severe emotional or psychological disorder or condition that might result in harm to the officer or to others.

In establishing the hotline, the commissioner would consult with representatives from the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police, the New Jersey State Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, the New Jersey Corrections Officers Association, and other parties who can contribute to the development and operation of an effective program.

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 625

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Senator KYRILLOS)

ADOPTED: JULY 30, 1998

Senate Bill No. 625 directs the Commissioner of Personnel to establish a 24-hour "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The hotline will receive and respond to calls from law enforcement officers who have been involved in any event or incident which has induced personal or job-related depression, anxiety, stress, or other psychological or emotional tension, trauma, pressure, or disorder for the officer. The hotline operators will try to identify those officers who should be referred to further debriefing and counseling services, and to provide such referrals.

The Senate amendments allocate such amounts realized from the sale of forfeited property as are required to fully fund the hotline after application of the funds allocated to the hotline pursuant to, R.S.39:5-41.

STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 625

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed By Senator KYRILLOS)

ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

Senate, No. 625 (1R) directs the Commissioner of Personnel to establish a 24-hour "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The hotline will receive and respond to calls from law enforcement officers who have been involved in any event or incident which has induced personal or job-related depression, anxiety, stress, or other psychological or emotional tension, trauma, pressure, or disorder for the officer. The hotline operators will try to identify those officers who should be referred to further debriefing and counseling services, and to provide such referrals. The hotline is to be established by the Commissioner of Personnel.

P.L.1997, c.177 amended R.S.39:5-41 to direct the State Treasurer to annually allocate an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to the Department of Personnel to operate the crisis intervention telephone hotline. The bill also authorizes additional funding for the program under the State disposal of forfeited property law, N.J.S.2C:64-6.

These Senate amendments remove the provisions of the bill providing for the use of forfeited property to fund the hotline and increase the annual allocation to the Department of Personnel in P.L.1997, c.177 from \$250,000 to \$400,000.

FISCAL NOTE

[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 625

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

208th LEGISLATURE

DATED: NOVEMBER 17, 1998

Senate Bill No. 625 (2R) of 1998 directs the Commissioner of Personnel to establish a 24-hour, toll-free "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. The hotline will be available to law enforcement and sheriffs' officers experiencing personal or job-related depression, anxiety, stress, or other psychological or emotional tension, trauma, pressure, or disorder.

The hotline operators would refer certain officers to further debriefing and counseling services, and the commissioner will establish guidelines for tracking any officer with such severe emotional or psychological disorder or condition that it may result in harm to the officer or others.

Hotline officers are to be trained by the commissioner. Also if possible, the operators are to be persons familiar with post trauma disorders and the emotional and psychological tensions, depressions, and anxieties unique to law enforcement and sheriffs' officers, or trained professionals able to provide counseling services involving marriage and family life, substance abuse, personal stress management and other emotional disorders or conditions that may adversely affect the personal and professional well-being of such officers.

The bill directs the commissioner to prepare a list of licensed or certified psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers, qualified counselors, and experienced former officers who are willing to accept referrals and provide debriefing and counseling services.

The Department of Personnel estimates the first-year cost at approximately \$399,000 for salaries for 11 personnel, fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services other than personal, maintenance and fixed charges, and data processing charges. The cost in subsequent years will increase slightly as a result of inflation. The Office of Legislative Services concurs with this estimate.

The bill does not provide an appropriation for this cost. However, this bill would amend P.L.1997, c.177, enacted on July 31, 1997, which provides for a \$1 increase in certain monetary fines and penalties and bail forfeitures and requires the State Treasurer to allocate from this additional revenue, beginning in Fiscal Year 1999

and annually thereafter, an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to the Department of Personnel for the operation of the "Law Enforcement Officer Crisis Intervention Services" telephone hotline. Since the operative date of P.L.1997, c.177 (September 1, 1997), this increase has generated approximately \$1.8 million. Therefore, sufficient funds would be available from this source to significantly offset the cost of the implementation and operation of the hotline in the first year.

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

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Governor Whitman Signs Laws to Aid Law Enforcement Officers

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed legislation at a State House ceremony, recognizing the danger and stress law enforcement officers face everyday while they serve and protect communities around the state.

"I would like to thank the men and the women in the law enforcement community. Their heroic work enables us to talk about historic lows in crime. Their performance, day in and day out, confirms something I've always believed: New Jersey has the finest law enforcement community in the country," Gov. Whitman said. "Today, I am happy to sign into law two pieces of legislation that will do even more to honor and support our law enforcement officers."

The Governor signed the following bills during a ceremony in which she also announced the state's most recent crime statistics have dropped to the lowest levels in 24 years.

A-1799, sponsored by Assembly Members Clare M. Farragher (R- Monmouth) and Steve Corodemus (R-Monmouth) and Senators Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr. (R-Middlesex/ Monmouth) and Norman M. Robertson (R- Essex/Passaic), allows counties to provide crisis intervention programs for law enforcement officers.

The bill will permit an agency, independent of municipal or county law enforcement agencies, to be formed for use by any officer involved in an incident producing personal or job-related depression, anxiety, or other emotional strains. Agency services will include post-traumatic debriefing and counseling services. Counties choosing to establish a program must also create an advisory council to assist with program implementation.

In addition, the legislation requires an officer involved in a critical incident, such as the firing of a weapon, a hostage situation, or incident involving serious or fatal injuries to a juvenile, to utilize the services before returning to active duty.

A-1801, sponsored by Assembly Members Clare M. Farragher (R- Monmouth) and Steve Corodemus (R-Monmouth) and Senators Joseph M. Kyrillos, Jr. (R-Middlesex/ Monmouth) and Norman M. Robertson (R- Essex/Passaic) directs Personnel Commissioner Janice Mintz to establish a 24-hour telephone hotline for law enforcement officers dealing with emotional or psychological problems.

Callers will speak to people familiar with the problems likely to trouble law enforcement officers. The hotline will maintain the confidentiality of callers, but will allow for the tracking of officers who exhibit severe problems that may put themselves or others at risk. Funding for the hotline will be provided to the Department of Personnel from the Body Armor Replacement Fund.