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1994 Senate No. 1416

1 AN ACT concerning the administration of the Catastrophic
2 Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission and funding of
3 grants for special health services for handicapped children,
4 amending P.L.1987, c.370 and making an appropriation.

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

8 1. Section 4 of P.L.1987, c.370 (C.26:2-151) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 4. There is established in, but not of, the State Department of
11 [Health] Human Services the Catastrophic Illness in Children
12 Relief Fund Commission. The commission shall consist of the
13 Commissioner of the State Department of Health, the
14 Commissioner of the Department of Human Services, the
15 Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, and the State
16 Treasurer, who shall be members ex officio, and seven public
17 members who are residents of this State, appointed by the
18 Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms of
19 five years, two of whom are appointed upon the recommendation
20 of the President of the Senate, one of whom is a provider of
21 health care services to children in this State and two of whom are
22 appointed upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the
23 General Assembly, one of whom is a provider of health care
24 services to children in this State. The five public members first
25 appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of one, two,
26 three, four and five years, respectively.

27 Each member shall hold office for the term of his appointment
28 and until his successor has been appointed and qualified. A
29 member of the commission is eligible for reappointment.

30 Each ex officio member of the commission may designate an
31 officer or employee of his department to represent him at
32 meetings of the commission, and each designee may lawfully vote
33 and otherwise act on behalf of the member for whom he
34 constitutes the designee. Any designation shall be in writing
35 delivered to the commission and filed with the office of the
36 Secretary of State and shall continue in effect until revoked or
37 amended in the same manner as provided for designation.
38 (cf:P.L.1993, c.103, s.2.)

39 2. Section 6 of P.L.1987, c.370 (C.26:2-153) is amended to
40 read as follows:

41 6. The [Commissioner of the State Department of Health shall
42 be chairman] members shall elect a chairperson and chief

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 executive officer of the commission [and the] who shall be one of
2 the public members of the commission. The commission shall by
3 rule determine the term of office of the chairperson and chief
4 executive officer. The members shall elect a secretary and a
5 treasurer who need not be members of the commission and the
6 same person may be elected to serve both as secretary and
7 treasurer.

8 The powers of the commission are vested in the members
9 thereof in office from time to time and six members of the
10 commission shall constitute a quorum at any meeting thereof.
11 Action may be taken and motions and resolutions adopted by the
12 commission at any meeting thereof by the affirmative vote of at
13 least six members of the commission. A vacancy in the
14 membership of the commission shall not impair the right of a
15 quorum to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of
16 the commission.

17 The members of the commission shall serve without
18 compensation, but the commission shall reimburse its members
19 for the reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their
20 duties based upon the monies available in the fund.

21 The commission shall be appointed within three months after
22 the effective date of this act and shall organize as soon as may
23 be practicable after the appointment of its members.

24 (cf: P.L.1987, c.370, s.6)

25 3. (New section) There is appropriated \$2,000,000 from the
26 General Fund to the Department of Health for grants for Special
27 Health Services for Handicapped Children and, notwithstanding
28 the provisions of P.L.1987, c.370 (C.26:2-148 et seq.), the amount
29 appropriated shall be charged to the Catastrophic Illness in
30 Children Relief Fund.

31 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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36 This bill concerns the administration of the Catastrophic Illness
37 in Children Relief Fund Commission and the expenditure of
38 monies from that fund for health services for certain children.

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40 Fund Commission would be transferred from the Department of
41 Health to the Department of Human Services. Currently, the
42 commission is in, but not of, the Department of Health; it will
43 continue to be in, but not of, the Department of Human Services.
44 In addition, the bill amends the provision of law which designates
45 the Commissioner of Health as the chairman and chief executive
46 officer of the commission. The amendment would require the
47 chairperson and chief executive officer to be elected by the
48 members of the commission from among the seven public
49 members of the commission.

50 Finally, the bill makes an appropriation of \$2,000,000 from the
51 General Fund to the Department of Health as grants for special
52 health services for handicapped children. The bill directs that
53 this appropriation be charged to the Catastrophic Illness in
54 Children Relief Fund.

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3 **Transfers Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund**
4 **Commission and designates new chairperson; appropriates \$2**
5 **million for special health services for handicapped children and**
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SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1416

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 13, 1994

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1416.

Senate Bill No. 1416 concerns the administration of the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission and the expenditure of monies from that fund for health services for certain children.

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Finally, the bill makes an appropriation of \$2 million from the General Fund to the Department of Health as grants for special health services for handicapped children. The bill directs that this appropriation be charged to the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund.

As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill 2107 (1R) of 1994.

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill makes an appropriation of \$2 million from the General Fund to the Department of Health for grants for special health services for handicapped children. However, the bill directs that this appropriation be charged to the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund and, thus, this bill will have no impact on the General Fund.