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(Gov. Council on Alcoholism  
and Drug Abuse)

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P.L. 1996, CHAPTER 5, *approved March 11, 1996*

Senate No. 283

1 AN ACT increasing the membership of the Governor's Council on  
2 Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and amending P.L.1989, c.51.

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

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.1989, c.51 (C.26:2BB-2) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 2. There is created a **[24-member]** 25-member council in, but not  
10 of, the Department of the Treasury which shall be designated as the  
11 Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. For the purposes  
12 of complying with the provisions of Article V, Section IV, paragraph  
13 1 of the New Jersey Constitution, the Governor's Council on  
14 Alcoholism and Drug Abuse is allocated to the Department of the  
15 Treasury, but, notwithstanding the allocation, the office shall be  
16 independent of any supervision or control by the department or by any  
17 board or officer thereof.

18 The council shall consist of **[10]** 11 ex officio members and 14  
19 public members.

20 a. The ex officio members of the council shall be: the Attorney  
21 General, the Commissioners of the Departments of Labor, Education,  
22 Human Services, Health, Community Affairs, Personnel and  
23 Corrections, the **[Chancellor of Higher Education]** chair of the  
24 executive board of the New Jersey Presidents' Council, **[and]** the  
25 Administrative Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and  
26 the Adjutant General. An ex officio member may designate an officer  
27 or employee of the department or office which he heads to serve as his  
28 alternate and exercise his functions and duties as a member of the  
29 Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

30 b. The 14 public members shall be residents of the State who are  
31 selected for their knowledge, competence, experience or interest in  
32 connection with alcoholism or drug abuse. They shall be appointed as  
33 follows: two shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, two  
34 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and 10  
35 shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the  
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**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.**

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2 five shall be appointed for a term of three years. Each member shall  
3 serve until his successor has been appointed and qualified, and  
4 vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
5 appointments for the remainder of the unexpired term. A public  
6 member is eligible for reappointment to the council.

7 d. The chairman of the council shall be appointed by the Governor  
8 from among the public members of the council and shall serve at the  
9 pleasure of the Governor during the Governor's term of office and  
10 until the appointment and qualification of the chairman's successor.  
11 The members of the council shall elect a vice-chairman from among  
12 the members of the council. The Governor may remove any public  
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14 e. The council shall meet at least monthly and at such other times  
15 as designated by the chairman. [Thirteen] Fourteen members of the  
16 council shall constitute a quorum. The council may establish any  
17 advisory committees it deems advisable and feasible.

18 f. The chairman shall be the request officer for the council within  
19 the meaning of such term as defined in section 6 of article 3 of  
20 P.L.1944, c.112 (C.52:27B-15).

21 g. The public members of the council shall receive no  
22 compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for their  
23 expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties within the limits of  
24 funds appropriated or otherwise made available for this purpose.  
25 (cf: P.L.1989, c.51, s.2)

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SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 283**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 22, 1996

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 283.

This bill increases the membership of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse from 24 to 25 members by adding the Adjutant General as an ex officio member. The bill also increases the number of members needed for a quorum from 13 to 14.

The bill replaces the Chancellor of Higher Education as an ex officio member with the chair of the executive board of the New Jersey Presidents' Council, which was created pursuant to P.L.1994, c.48.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1996 session pending technical review. As reported, this bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

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**RELEASE:** Mar. 12, 1996

Gov. Christie Whitman has signed legislation increasing the membership of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

**S-283/A-65**, sponsored by Sen. Jack Ewing (R-Morris/Somerset) and Assemblymen Walter Kavanaugh (R-Morris/Somerset) and Leonard Lance (R-Hunterdon/Mercer/Warren), increases membership of the council from 24 to 25 members by adding the Adjutant General as the eleventh ex officio member. The bill also increases the number of members needed for a council quorum from 13 to 14.

"As administrative head of the NJ National Guard, the Adjutant General is involved in developing substance abuse policies and programs to serve the Guard and has participated in the work of the council for some time," said Gov. Whitman. "This bill formalizes the Guard's relationship with the council."