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SYNOPSIS

Establishes 2-year "Gang Violence Prevention Pilot Program" in Department of Children and Families.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/15/2006)

1 AN ACT establishing a "Gang Violence Prevention Pilot Program."
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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*
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6 1. There is established a "Gang Violence Prevention Pilot
7 Program" in the Department of Children and Families. The
8 Commissioner of Children and Families shall promulgate guidelines
9 for the creation of a two-year pilot program in three counties in the
10 State. The program shall be located in the northern, central and
11 southern regions in the State and shall be available to children at
12 risk of joining a gang and their parents or guardians.
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14 2. The program shall be designed to: identify children who are at
15 risk of joining a gang; offer instruction to children on gang violence
16 prevention and ways to avoid membership in gangs; assist in
17 developing skills necessary to increase a parent's or guardian's
18 knowledge of effective parenting techniques and help a parent or
19 guardian strengthen family relationships; and provide relevant
20 information on issues associated with gang violence and concrete,
21 practical advice concerning the specific problems faced by parents
22 or guardians with children who are at risk of joining a gang.
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24 3. The commissioner shall apply for and accept any grant of
25 money from the federal government, private foundations or other
26 sources, which may be available for gang violence prevention
27 programs.
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29 4. Within six months of the expiration of this act, the
30 commissioner shall report to the Governor and the Legislature,
31 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), on the
32 effectiveness of the program and provide recommendations for
33 continuing and, if appropriate, expanding the pilot program.
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35 5. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after the date of
36 enactment and shall expire two years thereafter.
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39 STATEMENT
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