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SYNOPSIS

Supplemental appropriation of \$2,000,000 to DLPS to support Juvenile Justice Commission Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/20/2006)

1 A SUPPLEMENT to "An Act making appropriations for the support
2 of the State Government and the several public purposes for the
3 fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 and regulating the disbursement
4 thereof," approved July 2, 2005 (P.L.2005, c.132).

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

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9 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2005,
10 c.132, there are appropriated out of the General Fund the following
11 sums for the purposes specified:
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66 DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

10 Public Safety and Criminal Justice

18 Juvenile Services

DIRECT STATE SERVICES

34-1500 Juvenile Community Programs	\$650,000
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Total Direct State Services Appropriation	
Juvenile Community Programs	\$650,000
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Direct State Services:

Special Purpose

34 Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (\$650,000)

GRANTS-IN-AID

34-1500 Juvenile Community Programs	\$1,350,000
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Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation	
Juvenile Community Programs.....	\$1,350,000
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Grants-In-Aid:

34 Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (\$1,350,000)

Department of Law and Public Safety, Total Appropriation \$2,000,000

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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19 This bill would appropriate \$2 million to the Juvenile Justice
20 Commission, in but not of the Department of Law and Public
21 Safety, to support Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives
22 (JDAI).

23 Currently, five pilot counties (Atlantic, Camden, Essex, Hudson
24 and Monmouth) are working under JDAI. These pilot counties have
25 had significant impact on reducing the number of young people in
26 detention. In year two of the JDAI, the average daily population in
27 those five counties has decreased by 194 from the pre-JDAI
28 population, a reduction of 37 percent. The JJC is expected to
29 implement the JDAI in two additional counties in 2006 with an
30 eventual Statewide implementation to occur over the next several
31 years.

1 This appropriation of funding will provide \$650,000 for six
2 research scientists and one administrative assistant needed to
3 adequately support the statewide implementation of the JDAI. This
4 funding will also provide for materials and other resources needed
5 to support the positions.

6 In addition, this supplemental appropriation will provide
7 \$1,350,000 in grants to support the local institutionalization of
8 JDAI in the remaining New Jersey counties.

9 JDAI works to reduce the number of youth unnecessarily or
10 inappropriately held in secure detention while maintaining the
11 public safety and ensuring that youth appear for scheduled court
12 dates. The JDAI involves key stakeholders including judges,
13 county prosecutors, county public defenders, probation
14 departments, youth detention centers and youth service
15 commissions.