AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, MENTAL HEALTH, SUICIDE PREVENTION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE PROVIDERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (Effective from passage) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall distribute ___ dollars, from the undisbursed portion of funds received by the state pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136, as amended from time to time, and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, P.L. 116-260, as amended from time to time, as grants to private providers of domestic violence, mental health, suicide prevention and substance abuse services for individuals experiencing such issues as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof recognized by the World Health Organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
Statement of Purpose:
To require that a portion of COVID-19 relief funds be used to provide additional funding for domestic violence, mental health, suicide prevention and substance abuse services for persons suffering as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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