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CHAPTER 50

An Act accelerating implementation of certain juvenile justice initiatives due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Be It Enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. The following fines and assessments shall not be imposed on a juvenile adjudicated delinquent:

(1) fines pursuant to paragraph (8) of subsection b. of section 24 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-43);

(2) assessments pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:35-15; and

(3) assessments pursuant to subparagraph (b) of paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 2 of P.L.1979, c.396 (C:2C:43-3.1).

2. A term of post-incarceration supervision shall be imposed pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection d. of section 25 of P.L.1982, c.77 (C.2A:4A-44) following a juvenile's release from custody only if it is deemed necessary to effectuate the juvenile's rehabilitation and reintegration into society. Post-incarceration supervision shall not exceed six months, except the term may be extended for an additional six months if continuation of the post-incarceration supervision is deemed necessary to effectuate the juvenile's rehabilitation and reintegration into society. Post-incarceration supervision shall not exceed one year. Post-incarceration supervision shall not be imposed on any juvenile who has completed a period of parole supervision of six months or more. The term of post-incarceration supervision shall commence on the date of the expiration of the juvenile's maximum sentence. During the term of post-incarceration supervision the juvenile shall remain in the community and in the legal custody of the Juvenile Justice Commission. The juvenile shall not be required to enter or complete a residential community release program, residential treatment program, or other out-of-home placement as a condition of post-incarceration supervision. A term of post-incarceration supervision may be terminated if the juvenile has made a satisfactory adjustment in the community while under supervision and if continued supervision is not required.

3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on October 31, 2020.

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