

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 2633
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JUNE 30, 2022

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Authorizes certain countersuits concerning liability for providing reproductive health care services permitted under State law; clarifies access to these services in New Jersey by out-of-State persons.

Type of Impact: Annual State expenditure increases.

Agencies Affected: The Judiciary.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost Increase		Indeterminate	

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BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill authorizes countersuits following a judgment based on liability for the provision of reproductive health care services that are permitted under New Jersey law. The bill provides that reproductive health services includes all medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services relating to the human reproductive system, including services relating to pregnancy, contraception, or termination of a pregnancy.

When a judgment has been entered against a person in any state where liability, in whole or in part, is based on the alleged provision, receipt, assistance in receipt or provision, material support for, or any theory of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability derived therefrom, for reproductive health care services that are permitted under the laws of this State, the person

may recover damages from any party that brought the action leading to that judgment or has sought to enforce that judgment.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).