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SYNOPSIS

Provides for voluntary contributions for taxpayers on gross income tax returns to support reproductive health care services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning voluntary contributions through gross income
2 tax returns to support equitable access to reproductive health
3 care services and supplementing chapter 9 of Title 54A of the
4 New Jersey Statutes.

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

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9 1. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a
10 special fund to be known as the “New Jersey Reproductive Health
11 Care Equitable Access Fund.”

12 b. Each taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on the
13 taxpayer’s New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the
14 taxpayer’s refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited
15 into the special fund.

16 c. Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection
17 or administration attributable to this section may be deducted from
18 receipts collected pursuant to this section, as determined by the
19 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. The State
20 Treasurer shall deposit net contributions collected pursuant to this
21 section into the “New Jersey Reproductive Health Care Equitable
22 Access Fund.”

23 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all monies
24 deposited into the “New Jersey Reproductive Health Care Equitable
25 Access Fund” established pursuant to this section for distribution, in
26 equal amounts, to the three largest providers of reproductive health
27 care services to Medicaid patients in the State during the prior
28 calendar year, as determined by the Commissioner of Health. The
29 monies distributed to each provider shall be used to provide
30 reproductive health care services to individuals who cannot afford
31 such services.

32 e. As used in this section, "reproductive health care services"
33 means medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services relating to
34 the human reproductive system, including services relating to
35 pregnancy or the termination of a pregnancy.

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable
38 years beginning on or after January 1 next following the date of
39 enactment.

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42 STATEMENT

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44 This bill establishes the “New Jersey Reproductive Health Care
45 Equitable Access Fund” and provides for a designation on the State
46 gross income tax return that will permit taxpayers to make
47 voluntary contributions to the fund to support equitable access to

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1 reproductive health care services for individuals who cannot afford
2 them.

3 Under the bill, the State would be required to annually
4 appropriate the amounts deposited into the “New Jersey
5 Reproductive Health Care Equitable Access Fund” for distribution,
6 in equal amounts, to the three largest providers of reproductive
7 health care services to Medicaid patients in the State during the
8 previous calendar year, as determined by the Commissioner of
9 Health. The bill requires these monies to be used to provide
10 reproductive health care services to individuals who cannot afford
11 such services.

12 The bill defines "reproductive health care services" to mean
13 medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services relating to the
14 human reproductive system, including services relating to
15 pregnancy or the termination of a pregnancy.