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SYNOPSIS

Makes FY2024 supplemental appropriations of \$37,430,000; de-appropriates \$24,000,000 in existing FY2024 appropriations; adds and modifies various FY2024 language provisions.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT the annual appropriations act
2 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, P.L.2023, c.74.

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4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and the General Assembly of the
5 State of New Jersey:

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7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2023, c.74,
8 the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30,
9 2024, there are appropriated from the General Fund the following
10 amounts for the purposes specified:

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12 **26 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

13 *10 Public Safety and Criminal Justice*

14 *16 Detention and Rehabilitation*

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16 **DIRECT STATE SERVICES**

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08-7040 Institutional Care and Treatment \$2,500,000

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99-7040 Administration and Support Services 7,300,000

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Total Direct State Services appropriation,

20

Detention and Rehabilitation \$9,800,000

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Direct State Services:

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Materials and Supplies(\$9,800,000)

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24 **54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

25 *50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security*

26 *53 Economic Assistance and Security*

27 *7550 Division of Family Development*

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29 **STATE AID**

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15-7550 Income Maintenance Management \$12,111,000

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Total State Aid Appropriation,

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Division of Family Development \$12,111,000

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State Aid:

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15 Payments for Cost of General

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Assistance(\$7,918,000)

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15 Payments for Supplemental Security

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Income(\$4,193,000)

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39 2. The following item in section 1 of P.L.2023, c.74, the annual
40 appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, is
41 amended as follows:

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 **82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**
 2 ***50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security***
 3 ***51 Economic Planning and Development***

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5 **GRANTS-IN-AID**

6 38-2043 Economic Development **【\$323,682,000】** \$299,682,000
 7 Total Grants-in-Aid appropriation,
 8 Economic Planning and Development
 9 **【\$323,682,000】** \$299,682,000

10 ***Grants-in-Aid:***

11 **【38** Jersey City Redevelopment Agency –
 12 Art Museum Project (\$24,000,000)**】**

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 14 3. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2023, c.74,
 15 the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 16 2024, there are appropriated from the Property Tax Relief Fund the
 17 following amounts for the purposes specified:

18
 19 **34 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
 20 ***30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development***
 21 ***31 Direct Educational Services and Assistance***

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23 **STATE AID**

24 01-5120 General Formula Aid \$6,764,000
 25 (*From Property Tax Relief Fund .. \$6,764,000*)
 26 36-5120 Student Transportation \$4,455,000
 27 (*From Property Tax Relief Fund .. \$4,455,000*)
 28 Total State Aid Appropriation,
 29 Direct Educational Services and Assistance \$11,219,000
 30 (*From Property Tax Relief Fund .. \$11,219,000*)

31 ***State Aid:***

32 01 Equalization Aid (PTRF)(\$6,764,000)
 33 36 Transportation Aid (PTRF)(\$4,455,000)

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 35 **54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**
 36 ***20 Physical and Mental Health***
 37 ***23 Behavioral Health Services***
 38 ***7700 Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services***

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40 **STATE AID**

41 08-7700 Community Services \$4,300,000
 42 (*From Property Tax Relief Fund .. \$4,300,000*)
 43 Total State Aid Appropriation,
 44 Division of Mental Health and Addiction
 45 Services \$4,300,000
 46 (*From Property Tax Relief Fund .. \$4,300,000*)

47 ***State Aid:***

48 08 Support of Patients in County Psychiatric
 49 Hospitals (PTRF)(\$4,300,000)

1 4. The following language provisions are added to section 1 of
2 P.L.2023, c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year
3 ending June 30, 2024, as follows:

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5 **46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

6 *20 Physical and Mental Health*

7 *22 Health Planning and Evaluation*

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9 **GRANTS-IN-AID**

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11 Of the amounts hereinabove appropriated to Robert Wood Johnson
12 Barnabas Health – Community Health Projects, amounts may be
13 transferred to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health
14 Services in the Department of Human Services and are
15 appropriated, consistent with CMS guidelines, solely to
16 maximize federal Medicaid payments to faculty physicians and
17 non-physician professionals who are affiliated with Robert Wood
18 Johnson Barnabas Health, subject to the approval of the Director
19 of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

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21 **54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

22 *20 Physical and Mental Health*

23 *24 Special Health Services*

24 *7540 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services*

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26 **GRANTS-IN-AID**

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28 Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the
29 contrary, \$50,000,000 of the amounts received by the State
30 pursuant to P.L.2020, c.145 (C.17:48E-46.1 et al.) and on deposit
31 in the Health Care Affordability and Accessibility Fund, are
32 appropriated to the Department of Human Services, Division of
33 Medical Assistance and Health Services to fund Medical
34 Coverage – Title XIX Parents and Children in the General
35 Medical Services program classification, subject to the approval
36 of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

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38 **82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

39 *50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security*

40 *51 Economic Planning and Development*

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42 **GRANTS-IN-AID**

43
44 Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.2023, c.97 (C.34:1B-4.2 et
45 al.), or the provisions of any other law or regulation to the
46 contrary, \$10,000,000 of the amount appropriated pursuant to
47 section 9 of P.L.2023, c.97 for Film-Lease Partner Facility
48 Investments, EDA (P.L.2023, c.97) shall be used by the New
49 Jersey Economic Development Authority for programs, projects,

1 and initiatives that support the film and digital media industry, as
2 determined by the New Jersey Economic Development
3 Authority.

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5 From the amount hereinabove appropriated for Real Estate Projects
6 Funding, EDA, such amounts as may be required may be
7 transferred to the Economic Recovery Fund – Strategic
8 Innovation Centers and Maternal and Infant Health Innovation
9 Center, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of
10 Budget and Accounting.

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12 5. The following language provision in section 1 of P.L.2023,
13 c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June
14 30, 2024, is amended to read as follows:

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16 Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the
17 contrary, amounts hereinabove appropriated for Preschool
18 Education Aid shall be allocated as follows: 1) in the case of a
19 district that received Early Launch to Learning Initiative aid in
20 the 2007-2008 school year, an amount equal to the district's
21 2007-2008 allocation of Early Launch to Learning Initiative aid;
22 2) in the case of a school district that received a 2008-2009
23 allocation of Preschool Education Aid based on its 2007-2008
24 Early Childhood Program Aid allocation, an aid amount equal to
25 the district's 2022-2023 per pupil allocation of Preschool
26 Education Aid inflated by the CPI and multiplied by the district's
27 projected preschool enrollment, except in the case of a school
28 district that participated in the federal Preschool Expansion
29 Grant in 2018-2019, districts that received an allocation of
30 Preschool Education Expansion Aid in 2017-2018 or 2018-2019,
31 and districts that received an allocation of Preschool Education
32 Aid through the competitive process administered by the
33 Commissioner of Education which began in 2019-2020; 3) in the
34 case of any other district with an allocation of Preschool
35 Education Aid in the 2022-2023 school year calculated using the
36 provisions of section 12 of P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-54),
37 districts that participated in the federal Preschool Expansion
38 Grant in 2018-2019, districts that received an allocation of
39 Preschool Education Expansion Aid in 2017-2018 or 2018-2019,
40 or districts that received an allocation of Preschool Education
41 Aid through the competitive process administered by the
42 Commissioner of Education which began in 2019-2020, an
43 amount calculated in accordance with those provisions based
44 upon 2023-2024 projected FTE enrollments, and multiplied by
45 the per pupil allocations as set forth in the March 2023 State Aid
46 notice issued by the commissioner. Notwithstanding the
47 provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, of the
48 amounts hereinabove appropriated for Preschool Education Aid,
49 an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 shall be allocated [by the

1 commissioner] in amounts to be determined by the
2 Commissioner of Education: 1) to districts in total additional
3 preschool funding for the purpose of expanding free access to
4 full-day preschool for resident three- and four-year old children
5 in accordance with the preschool quality standards issued by the
6 commissioner and based on a district's demonstration of its
7 readiness to operate a preschool program consistent with those
8 standards; and 2) to the Department of Education to address
9 workforce preparation and training and other ancillary needs
10 related to preschool expansion[, as determined by the
11 commissioner]. A school district that receives Preschool
12 Education Aid for the first time in the 2023-2024 school year
13 shall demonstrate, in its application, due diligence in establishing
14 partnerships to provide its preschool program through a mixed-
15 delivery system in all licensed child care providers and Head
16 Start programs in its community or neighboring communities
17 that are willing and able to meet all preschool program
18 requirements. The Department of Education, the Department of
19 Children and Families, and the Department of Human Services
20 shall post on the departments' Internet websites, no later than
21 July 14, 2023, a list of all districts eligible to apply for Preschool
22 Education Aid and a list of all child care providers and Head
23 Start programs in each eligible district's community, as well as
24 neighboring communities, and contact information for those
25 providers. The Department of Education, the Department of
26 Children and Families, and the Department of Human Services
27 shall, in consultation with school districts, licensed child care
28 providers, Head Start programs, and other stakeholders identified
29 by the Commissioner of Education, provide a report to the
30 Legislature, on or before March 1, 2024, on the status of
31 preschool education in the State, generally, and on the efficacy
32 of the mixed-delivery model of preschool education. The
33 Department of Education may utilize up to \$250,000 of
34 Preschool Education Aid to contract temporary staff to assist
35 with preparation of a report on the efficacy of the mixed-delivery
36 model of preschool education as provided herein.

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38 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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43 This bill supplements the FY 2024 Appropriations Act with a net
44 additional amount of spending authority that totals \$13,430,000.
45 The net total consists of \$37,430,000 in additional spending and
46 \$24,000,000 in reduced spending. The bill also adjusts certain
47 language provisions in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act and adds
48 new language provisions related to certain items of spending.

1 ***Department of Corrections:***

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3 This bill appropriates \$9,800,000 in Direct State Services
4 funding to the Department of Corrections for Materials and
5 Supplies. The additional funding is needed to address increased
6 costs related to food for incarcerated persons as well as fuel and
7 utility costs. The increased funding under this bill for the
8 Department of Corrections is from the General Fund.

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10 ***Department of Human Services***

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12 This bill appropriates an additional \$16,411,000 to the
13 Department of Human Services, with \$12,111,000 of the total being
14 appropriated from the General Fund and the remaining \$4,300,000
15 being appropriated from the Property Tax Relief Fund.

16 Of the \$12,111,000 in additional spending from the General
17 Fund, \$4,193,000 is appropriated as State Aid for the Supplemental
18 Security Income Program due to higher than anticipated regular
19 assistance costs. The remaining \$7,918,000 in State Aid funding
20 from the General Fund is provided for the General Assistance
21 Program due to higher than anticipated costs for the program's
22 employable recipients.

23 The bill's additional \$4,300,000 in State Aid spending from the
24 Property Tax Relief Fund is appropriated for Support of Patients in
25 County Psychiatric Hospitals due to an increase in the State's share
26 of costs for patients in county psychiatric hospitals.

27 The bill also adds a new language provision in the Department of
28 Human Services portion of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. The
29 language allows funding received in the Health Care Affordability
30 and Accessibility Fund to be appropriated to support NJ
31 FamilyCare.

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33 ***Department of the Treasury:***

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35 This bill de-appropriates \$24,000,000 in Grants-in-Aid funding
36 from the General Fund for Jersey City Redevelopment Agency – Art
37 Museum Project due to a lack of sustainable resources for future
38 ongoing costs.

39 The bill also adds two language provisions in the Department of
40 the Treasury portion of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. One
41 language provision allows existing funding for the New Jersey
42 Economic Development Authority's Film-Lease Partner Facility
43 Investments program to be used for programs, projects, and
44 initiatives that support the film and digital media industry. The
45 existing funding was appropriated as part of P.L.2023, c.97 to make
46 capital investments in New Jersey film-lease partner facilities. The
47 other new language provision added to the FY 2024 Appropriations
48 Act by this bill allows existing funding for the New Jersey
49 Economic Development Authority's Real Estate Projects Funding

1 program to be reallocated to the Economic Recovery Fund –
2 Strategic Innovation Centers and Maternal and Infant Health
3 Innovation Center.

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5 ***Department of Education:***

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7 This bill appropriates a total of \$11,219,000 in State Aid funding
8 to the Department of Education from the Property Tax Relief Fund.
9 Of this total amount, \$6,764,000 is appropriated as additional
10 Equalization Aid in order to fulfill the provisions of P.L.2023,
11 c.140. This law provides an exemption from reductions in State
12 school aid for certain regional school districts that meet criteria
13 enumerated in the law related to mitigated regionalization costs,
14 administrative spending per pupil, and increases in the general fund
15 tax levy.

16 The other \$4,455,000 in additional State Aid funding to the
17 Department of Education is appropriated as additional
18 Transportation Aid due to increased nonpublic transportation costs.

19 The bill also adjusts a language provision in the FY 2024
20 Appropriations Act related to Preschool Education Aid to clarify
21 that the Department of Education may support workforce
22 preparation and training and other ancillary needs related to
23 preschool expansion.

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25 ***Department of Health:***

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27 The bill adds a new language provision to the Department of
28 Health portion of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. The language
29 provision allows necessary funds to be transferred from the
30 department to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health
31 Services in the Department of Human Services to support Robert
32 Wood Johnson Barnabas Health's participation in the Medicaid
33 Access to Physician Services program.