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

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

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

26 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
 10 Public Safety and Criminal Justice
  16 Detention and Rehabilitation

DIRECT STATE SERVICES
08-7040 Institutional Care and Treatment ....................... $2,500,000
99-7040 Administration and Support Services ................... 7,300,000
Total Direct State Services appropriation,
  Detention and Rehabilitation ....................... $9,800,000

Direct State Services:
  Materials and Supplies ..................($9,800,000)

54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security
53 Economic Assistance and Security
7550 Division of Family Development

STATE AID
15-7550 Income Maintenance Management ............... $12,111,000
Total State Aid Appropriation,
  Division of Family Development ............... $12,111,000

State Aid:
  15 Payments for Cost of General
     Assistance ...........................................($7,918,000)
  15 Payments for Supplemental Security
     Income ...............................................($4,193,000)

2. The following item in section 1 of P.L.2023, c.74, the annual
appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, is
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.
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82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security

51 Economic Planning and Development

GRANTS-IN-AID

38-2043 Economic Development .... [$323,682,000] $299,682,000

Total Grants-in-Aid appropriation,

Economic Planning and Development $299,682,000

Grants-in-Aid:

38 Jersey City Redevelopment Agency –

Art Museum Project $24,000,000

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

34 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development

31 Direct Educational Services and Assistance

STATE AID

01-5120 General Formula Aid $6,764,000

(From Property Tax Relief Fund $6,764,000)

36-5120 Student Transportation $4,455,000

(From Property Tax Relief Fund $4,455,000)

Total State Aid Appropriation,

Direct Educational Services and Assistance $11,219,000

(From Property Tax Relief Fund $11,219,000)

State Aid:

01 Equalization Aid (PTRF) ($6,764,000)

36 Transportation Aid (PTRF) ($4,455,000)

54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

20 Physical and Mental Health

23 Behavioral Health Services

7700 Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services

STATE AID

08-7700 Community Services $4,300,000

(From Property Tax Relief Fund $4,300,000)

Total State Aid Appropriation,

Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services $4,300,000

(From Property Tax Relief Fund $4,300,000)

State Aid:

08 Support of Patients in County Psychiatric Hospitals (PTRF) ($4,300,000)
4. The following language provisions are added to section 1 of P.L.2023, c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, as follows:

**46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

- **20 Physical and Mental Health**
- **22 Health Planning and Evaluation**

**GRANTS-IN-AID**

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

**54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

- **20 Physical and Mental Health**
- **24 Special Health Services**

**7540 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services**

**GRANTS-IN-AID**

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

**82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

- **50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security**
- **51 Economic Planning and Development**

**GRANTS-IN-AID**

| Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.2023, c.97 (C.34:1B-4.2 et al.), or the provisions of any other law or regulation to the contrary, $10,000,000 of the amount appropriated pursuant to section 9 of P.L.2023, c.97 for Film-Lease Partner Facility Investments, EDA (P.L.2023, c.97) shall be used by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for programs, projects, |
and initiatives that support the film and digital media industry, as determined by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

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

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

Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, amounts hereinabove appropriated for Preschool Education Aid shall be allocated as follows: 1) in the case of a district that received Early Launch to Learning Initiative aid in the 2007-2008 school year, an amount equal to the district's 2007-2008 allocation of Early Launch to Learning Initiative aid; 2) in the case of a school district that received a 2008-2009 allocation of Preschool Education Aid based on its 2007-2008 Early Childhood Program Aid allocation, an aid amount equal to the district's 2022-2023 per pupil allocation of Preschool Education Aid inflated by the CPI and multiplied by the district's projected preschool enrollment, except in the case of a school district that participated in the federal Preschool Expansion Grant in 2018-2019, districts that received an allocation of Preschool Education Expansion Aid in 2017-2018 or 2018-2019, and districts that received an allocation of Preschool Education Aid through the competitive process administered by the Commissioner of Education which began in 2019-2020; 3) in the case of any other district with an allocation of Preschool Education Aid in the 2022-2023 school year calculated using the provisions of section 12 of P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-54), districts that participated in the federal Preschool Expansion Grant in 2018-2019, districts that received an allocation of Preschool Education Expansion Aid in 2017-2018 or 2018-2019, or districts that received an allocation of Preschool Education Aid through the competitive process administered by the Commissioner of Education which began in 2019-2020, an amount calculated in accordance with those provisions based upon 2023-2024 projected FTE enrollments, and multiplied by the per pupil allocations as set forth in the March 2023 State Aid notice issued by the commissioner. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, of the amounts hereinabove appropriated for Preschool Education Aid, an amount not to exceed $40,000,000 shall be allocated [by the
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commissioner, in amounts to be determined by the Commissioner of Education; 1) to districts in total additional preschool funding for the purpose of expanding free access to full-day preschool for resident three- and four-year old children in accordance with the preschool quality standards issued by the commissioner and based on a district's demonstration of its readiness to operate a preschool program consistent with those standards; and 2) to the Department of Education to address workforce preparation and training and other ancillary needs related to preschool expansion, as determined by the commissioner. A school district that receives Preschool Education Aid for the first time in the 2023-2024 school year shall demonstrate, in its application, due diligence in establishing partnerships to provide its preschool program through a mixed-delivery system in all licensed child care providers and Head Start programs in its community or neighboring communities that are willing and able to meet all preschool program requirements. The Department of Education, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Human Services shall post on the departments' Internet websites, no later than July 14, 2023, a list of all districts eligible to apply for Preschool Education Aid and a list of all child care providers and Head Start programs in each eligible district's community, as well as neighboring communities, and contact information for those providers. The Department of Education, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Human Services shall, in consultation with school districts, licensed child care providers, Head Start programs, and other stakeholders identified by the Commissioner of Education, provide a report to the Legislature, on or before March 1, 2024, on the status of preschool education in the State, generally, and on the efficacy of the mixed-delivery model of preschool education. The Department of Education may utilize up to $250,000 of Preschool Education Aid to contract temporary staff to assist with preparation of a report on the efficacy of the mixed-delivery model of preschool education as provided herein.

6. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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

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

Department of Human Services

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

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

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

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

Department of the Treasury:

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

The bill also adds two language provisions in the Department of the Treasury portion of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. One language provision allows existing funding for the New Jersey Economic Development Authority’s Film-Lease Partner Facility Investments program to be used for programs, projects, and initiatives that support the film and digital media industry. The existing funding was appropriated as part of P.L.2023, c.97 to make capital investments in New Jersey film-lease partner facilities.

The other new language provision added to the FY 2024 Appropriations Act by this bill allows existing funding for the New Jersey Economic Development Authority’s Real Estate Projects Funding
Department of Education:

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

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

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

Department of Health:

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