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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes "Energy Infrastructure Public-Private Partnerships Program"; amends law concerning NJ Infrastructure Bank; and authorizes certain energy contracts under "Public School Contracts Law" and "Local Public Contracts Law" up to 25 years.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning energy infrastructure public-private  
2 partnerships, supplementing Titles 52 and 58 of the Revised  
3 Statutes, and amending P.L.1985, c.334, N.J.S.18A:18A-42, and  
4 P.L.1971, c.198.

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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. (New section) Sections 1 through 20 of  
10 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
11 shall be known and may be cited as the "Energy Infrastructure  
12 Public-Private Partnerships Act."

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14 2. (New section) a. The Legislature finds and declares that:

15 (1) It is the public policy of this State to assure that the State's  
16 energy infrastructure is developed and maintained in a manner that  
17 assures, to the greatest extent possible, the availability of reliable  
18 and resilient state-of-the-art energy resources to the State and, in  
19 particular, to the critical facilities that provide necessary lifeline  
20 services to the State's citizens and businesses;

21 (2) The recent occurrence of severe weather events, and the  
22 current condition of the State's aging energy systems underscore the  
23 vulnerability of the State's energy infrastructure and the substantial  
24 and immediate need for the State to improve the energy resources  
25 available to State, county, and municipal facilities that provide  
26 critical lifeline services, including hospitals, police and fire  
27 departments, water and wastewater treatment facilities, shelters,  
28 colleges, universities, schools, and prisons;

29 (3) The urgent need to decarbonize the energy sector will  
30 require a significant expansion of intermittent renewable energy  
31 sources. In order to facilitate the expansion of solar photovoltaic  
32 and wind resources, the State's infrastructure must include  
33 dispatchable resources at the location of use in order to mitigate the  
34 significant economic and potential physical damage that could  
35 result from poor power quality issues. Grid-edge, on-demand  
36 energy generation that is efficient and clean is necessary to support  
37 the continued development of renewable resources;

38 (4) The reliability, resiliency, and efficiency of the State's energy  
39 infrastructure will be improved if the State encourages the  
40 development of the energy-related projects contemplated by P.L. ,  
41 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), which  
42 will reduce the vulnerability of critical facilities to threats posed by  
43 weather and other exogenous factors, minimize equipment failures  
44 caused by deterioration, disrepair, and obsolescence, enhance the  
45 production and delivery of energy, including clean energy

**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 resources, improve the energy efficiency of facilities, reduce peak  
2 demand, energy costs, and greenhouse gas emissions, and promote  
3 economic development and foster job creation;

4 (5) The implementation of energy-related projects through  
5 public-private partnerships will enable the State to leverage the  
6 capital and expertise of the private sector, which will permit needed  
7 energy-related projects to be developed, in many instances on a  
8 self-funded basis, without taxpayer or ratepayer support; and

9 (6) The use of energy infrastructure public-private partnerships  
10 will contribute to the attainment of the goals of the State's Energy  
11 Master Plan, which include aggressive initiatives to expand the  
12 implementation of renewable energy and building and  
13 transportation decarbonization initiatives, improve energy reliability  
14 and resiliency, and introduce state-of-the-art technologies that can  
15 make buildings more energy efficient and reduce energy usage,  
16 peak demand, energy costs, and greenhouse gas emissions.

17 b. The Legislature therefore determines that:

18 (1) It shall be the public policy of this State to foster energy  
19 public-private partnerships to develop state-of-the-art energy-  
20 related projects that obviate or minimize the need for capital  
21 investments in such projects by governmental entities, taxpayers,  
22 and utility ratepayers;

23 (2) In order to foster the energy-related projects contemplated by  
24 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
25 it is necessary and appropriate for the Legislature to authorize the  
26 use of public-private partnerships that leverage private sector  
27 financial resources and expertise and provide a platform for  
28 governmental and private entities to share the responsibilities and  
29 benefits of these projects;

30 (3) Current economic conditions, combined with the critical and  
31 immediate need to improve the State's energy infrastructure and  
32 achieve the State's near and long-term energy goals, compel the  
33 State to pursue the energy-related public-private partnerships  
34 contemplated by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
35 Legislature as this bill), which will enhance the reliability,  
36 resilience, and efficiency of the State's energy infrastructure. by  
37 introducing state-of-the-art energy technologies; and

38 (4) The energy-related public-private partnerships contemplated  
39 by P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
40 bill) will encourage private capital investment and leverage the  
41 technical, financial, and managerial expertise of the private sector  
42 to assist eligible public entities that otherwise lack the necessary  
43 capital, resources, or expertise to design, develop, own, manage,  
44 operate, and maintain needed energy infrastructure projects.

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46 3. (New section) As used in sections 1 through 20 of  
47 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill):

1 "Class I renewable energy" and "Class II renewable energy"  
2 mean the same as those terms are defined in section 3 of P.L.1999,  
3 c.23 (C.48:3-51).

4 "Distributed electric generation resource" means distributed  
5 sources of electric power generation and energy storage facilities  
6 including, but not limited to, Class I and Class II renewable energy  
7 facilities, solar photovoltaics, wind, solar thermal, hydroelectric and  
8 biofuels, dispatchable generation, combined heat and power, fuel  
9 cell, and battery storage technologies.

10 "District energy system" means an on-site generation facility, as  
11 defined in section 3 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-51), that provides  
12 thermal or electric energy services, or both, to end-use customers  
13 for use for heating or cooling regardless of whether the customer is  
14 located on property that is separated from the property on which the  
15 on-site generation facility is located by more than one easement,  
16 public thoroughfare, transportation right-of-way, or utility-owned  
17 right-of-way.

18 "Energy P3 Program" or "program" means the Energy  
19 Infrastructure Public-Private Partnerships Program established  
20 pursuant to section 7 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
21 Legislature as this bill).

22 "Energy-related project" or "project" means a project developed,  
23 in whole or in part, for a new or existing facility, owned or leased,  
24 or to be owned or to be subject to a long-term lease, by a P3 eligible  
25 entity, involving the application of energy efficiency, energy  
26 conservation, energy generation, energy optimization, renewable  
27 and non-carbon-emitting energy technologies, energy storage,  
28 decarbonization, or demand side management measures including,  
29 but not limited to: (1) energy efficient appliances, lighting, heating,  
30 ventilation, and air conditioning systems, motors, building controls,  
31 and other energy conservation measures; (2) Class I and Class II  
32 renewable energy sources; (3) building and transportation-related  
33 decarbonization measures including electric vehicle infrastructure;  
34 (4) smart metering and smart grid technologies; (5) distributed  
35 electric generation resources; (6) district energy systems; (7)  
36 renewable natural gas and hydrogen production facilities; (8)  
37 geothermal energy systems; and (9) biogas, biomass, and waste-to-  
38 energy technologies. "Energy-related project" shall not include a  
39 self-funded energy efficiency project that is an energy savings  
40 improvement program undertaken pursuant to the provisions of  
41 P.L.2009, c.4 (C.18A:18A-4.6 et al.) or P.L.2012, c.55 (C.52:34-  
42 25.1 et al.).

43 "Private entity" means a person, combination of persons,  
44 business entity, combination of business entities, or combination of  
45 persons and business entities whose business is to provide technical,  
46 financial, or managerial expertise or resources to a P3 eligible entity  
47 for the design, development, management, operation, or  
48 maintenance of an energy-related project.

1 "Public-private partnership agreement" or "agreement" means an  
2 agreement entered into by a P3 eligible entity and a private entity  
3 pursuant to section 4 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
4 Legislature as this bill) for the purposes of undertaking an energy-  
5 related project whereby the private entity assumes financial  
6 developmental, operational, managerial, or administrative  
7 responsibility and maintains a financial interest in the energy-  
8 related project.

9 "Public-private partnership eligible entity" or "P3 eligible entity"  
10 means the State, its subdivisions, and any department, agency,  
11 commission, authority, board, or instrumentality thereof, a county, a  
12 municipality, a board of education, a State college or university, a  
13 county college, a private not-for-profit higher education institution,  
14 a regional or municipal utility authority, a quasi-State agency, a  
15 State-created corporation, and a private not-for-profit hospital  
16 licensed by the Department of Health pursuant to the "Health Care  
17 Facilities Planning Act," P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.). "P3  
18 eligible entity" shall not include a municipal electric utility  
19 established pursuant to R.S.40:62-12.

20 "Trust" means the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank created  
21 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-4).

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23 4. (New section) a. A P3 eligible entity may enter into a public-  
24 private partnership agreement with a private entity pursuant to the  
25 provisions of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
26 Legislature as this bill), which shall be subject to the approval of  
27 the trust in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted  
28 pursuant to subsection e. of section 7 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
29 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). An energy-related  
30 project may involve the design, construction, reconstruction,  
31 alteration, or improvement of one or more buildings, structures, or  
32 facilities owned or subject to a long-term lease, or to be owned or to  
33 be subject to a long-term lease, by the P3 eligible entity, provided  
34 that the private entity is responsible for the performance of each  
35 energy-related project and the P3 eligible entity retains an  
36 ownership or leasehold interest in the land or property upon which  
37 the energy-related project is developed. No particular method or  
38 structure of project financing shall be required of a private entity  
39 unless the method or structure of project financing or, if applicable,  
40 provision for ownership and title transfer to the P3 eligible entity at  
41 the end of the term of the agreement, is clearly described by the P3  
42 eligible entity in any formal authorized solicitation process for an  
43 energy-related project.

44 b. P3 eligible entities and private entities that develop energy-  
45 related projects pursuant to a public-private partnership agreement  
46 executed and approved in accordance with the provisions of  
47 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
48 shall be eligible to receive financing available through the Energy

1 Infrastructure Financing Program established by the trust pursuant  
2 to section 28 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
3 Legislature as this bill), to the extent such funds are available, in  
4 addition to financing or funding available from other sources.

5 c. A P3 eligible entity may solicit a proposal for an energy-  
6 related project, or consider an unsolicited proposal for an energy-  
7 related project, only from a private entity that has been duly  
8 qualified by the Energy P3 Program pursuant to sections 7 and 8 of  
9 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
10 and any other applicable law.

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12 5. (New section) a. An energy-related project may be proposed  
13 either by a P3 eligible entity or by a private entity. Notwithstanding  
14 the provisions of any law, rule, regulation, decision, or order to the  
15 contrary, a public-private partnership agreement may provide that,  
16 as part of the agreement, an energy-related project may be proposed  
17 and selected individually or as a part of any other project for the  
18 design, construction, reconstruction, alteration, improvement,  
19 development, or redevelopment of one or more buildings,  
20 structures, or facilities owned or subject to a long-term lease, or to  
21 be owned or to be subject to a long-term lease, by a P3 eligible  
22 entity, and may also include buildings, structures, or facilities  
23 owned, or to be owned, by one or more private entities, without  
24 regard to the contiguity of the properties on which energy-related  
25 projects are developed. An energy-related project shall be designed  
26 to: enable a P3 eligible entity to more reliably, efficiently, and  
27 cost-effectively generate, distribute, conserve, store, consume, and  
28 acquire energy; improve the reliability and resiliency of its energy  
29 infrastructure; reduce greenhouse gas emissions, energy usage, and  
30 peak demand; diversify its sources of energy supply; create jobs;  
31 and foster economic development. A proposed energy-related  
32 project shall produce quantifiable or otherwise demonstrable  
33 benefits during the life of the project which shall be evaluated by  
34 the trust, as part of the approval of the public-private partnership  
35 agreement, in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted  
36 pursuant to subsection e. of section 7 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
37 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

38 b. If an unsolicited energy-related project is proposed by a  
39 qualified private entity to a P3 eligible entity, the P3 eligible entity  
40 shall determine whether to accept, reject, or modify the proposal. If  
41 the P3 eligible entity elects to implement all or a portion of the  
42 proposed energy-related project, the P3 eligible entity shall initiate  
43 and adhere to the competitive solicitation procedure established  
44 pursuant to sections 8 and 9 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
45 before the Legislature as this bill). If the unsolicited proposal is  
46 rejected by the P3 eligible entity, the P3 eligible entity shall return  
47 all copies of, and all materials relating to the unsolicited proposal to  
48 the private entity. The unsolicited proposal, and all records of

1 communications and negotiations related to the proposal, shall be  
2 confidential and exempt from public disclosure in accordance with  
3 the provisions of section 17 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
4 before the Legislature as this bill).

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6 6. (New section) a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law,  
7 rule, regulation, decision, or order to the contrary, a P3 eligible  
8 entity that undertakes an energy-related project with a private  
9 entity, its affiliates, and approved subcontractors pursuant to a  
10 public-private partnership agreement shall not be subject to the  
11 requirement of advertisement for public bid otherwise applicable to  
12 the P3 eligible entity, provided that the private entity is selected by  
13 the P3 eligible entity pursuant to a solicitation process conducted in  
14 accordance with sections 8 and 9 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
15 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

16 b. Except as otherwise set forth in subsection a. of this section,  
17 all solicitations for proposals conducted pursuant to sections 8 and 9  
18 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
19 bill) shall be subject to the procurement laws and procedures  
20 otherwise applicable to the P3 eligible entity.

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22 7. (New section) a. (1) The trust shall establish an Energy  
23 Infrastructure Public-Private Partnerships Program or "Energy P3  
24 Program." The Energy P3 Program shall provide for the  
25 formulation and execution of a comprehensive Statewide program  
26 to facilitate public-private partnerships for the development of  
27 energy-related projects, and for the development, promotion,  
28 coordination, oversight, and approval of public-private partnership  
29 agreements pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
30 Legislature as this bill).

31 (2) The costs associated with the establishment and operation of  
32 the Energy P3 Program may be funded by moneys from the "Global  
33 Warming Solutions Fund" created pursuant to section 6 of  
34 P.L.2007, c.340 (C.26:2C-50), the societal benefits charge imposed  
35 pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-60), any other  
36 funding source the Legislature appropriates to the Energy P3  
37 Program, and fees collected from private entities pursuant to  
38 subsection c. of this section.

39 (3) The trust shall implement the rules and regulations, policies,  
40 and procedures established pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. )  
41 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) in a manner that  
42 encourages private entity participation in the Energy P3 Program  
43 and provides necessary project oversight and assistance to P3  
44 eligible entities.

45 b. The trust may retain one or more qualified private consultants  
46 with relevant expertise to provide the technical assistance and  
47 resources deemed necessary and appropriate to assist the Energy P3  
48 Program.

1 c. The trust shall annually develop an operating budget for the  
2 Energy P3 Program to enable the trust to adequately and properly  
3 perform its duties and responsibilities, and, if necessary, to  
4 compensate private consultants retained pursuant to subsection b. of  
5 this section to assist the trust to implement the Energy P3 Program  
6 as established in this section. The trust or any private consultant  
7 retained by the trust may charge a private entity a reasonable fee for  
8 the services provided by the trust or the private consultant, as  
9 applicable, under the Energy P3 Program, in connection with any  
10 implemented energy-related project under the program.

11 d. The trust shall comply with the provisions of the "Local  
12 Public Contracts Law," P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-1 et seq.), in the  
13 negotiation and award of professional service contracts with private  
14 consultants. A professional service contract entered into pursuant  
15 to this section shall include provisions for fees, contract scope and  
16 duration, and other terms as are deemed necessary and appropriate  
17 by the trust to retain the services of one or more private consultants,  
18 deemed by the trust to be qualified by training and experience, to  
19 provide technical assistance required by the Energy P3 Program  
20 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
21 as this bill).

22 e. Within 18 months after the effective date of P.L. ,  
23 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the trust  
24 shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative  
25 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as are  
26 necessary to implement the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. )  
27 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

28 f. The trust shall, within 90 days after the effective date of  
29 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
30 undertake a study of the staffing and other resources deemed  
31 necessary to implement the Energy P3 Program and to perform the  
32 duties and responsibilities established by P.L. , c. (C. )  
33 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). The trust shall prepare  
34 a report of its study, and provide a copy to the Governor and,  
35 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the  
36 Legislature, recommending any further action or resources needed  
37 to facilitate program implementation.

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39 8. (New section) a. A private entity seeking to enter into a  
40 public-private partnership agreement for an energy-related project  
41 with a P3 eligible entity shall first be qualified under the Energy P3  
42 Program. The trust shall establish appropriate qualification criteria  
43 for any private entity seeking to participate in the Energy P3  
44 Program pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to  
45 section 7 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
46 as this bill), and shall provide details of the qualification criteria in  
47 the report submitted to the Legislature pursuant to section 33 of  
48 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).



1        b. Under the Energy P3 Program, the trust shall evaluate the  
2 qualifications of each private entity that seeks to develop an energy-  
3 related project pursuant to a public-private partnership agreement in  
4 accordance with the qualification criteria established pursuant to  
5 this section. The trust shall develop a tiered ranking system for  
6 both energy-related projects and the private entities that seek to  
7 qualify to develop such projects. The tiered ranking system shall be  
8 designed to authorize a private entity to pursue only the types of  
9 energy-related projects for which the private entity has been  
10 qualified.

11        c. The trust shall maintain, and make available to P3 eligible  
12 entities, a current list of qualified private entities, arranged by the  
13 tiers of energy-related projects for which the private entities have  
14 been qualified. Each P3 eligible entity that seeks to develop an  
15 energy-related project pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
16 before the Legislature as this bill) shall be directed to the complete  
17 list of qualified private entities for the type of tiered energy related  
18 project under consideration for development.

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20        9. (New section) a. For each proposed energy-related project, a  
21 P3 eligible entity shall solicit proposals from private entities that  
22 are set forth on the list of qualified private entities maintained by  
23 the trust under the Energy P3 Program pursuant to section 8 of  
24 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
25 and that have been qualified for the type of energy-related project  
26 or projects considered by the P3 eligible entity. The trust shall  
27 establish the process by which a P3 eligible entity solicits and  
28 procures proposals from qualified private entities for energy-related  
29 projects and the criteria that shall apply to the procurement.

30        b. A P3 eligible entity shall specify the manner in which the  
31 price shall be bid by a qualified private entity as part of a proposal  
32 for an energy-related project. If a fixed price option is selected by  
33 the P3 eligible entity, the qualified private entity shall fully and  
34 accurately disclose, in a single line item entry, the total installed  
35 cost of the proposed energy-related project, including all  
36 equipment, labor, permits, and management services. Any proposal  
37 by a qualified private entity which includes a fixed price bid that  
38 does not comply with this section shall be rejected by the P3  
39 eligible entity as nonconforming.

40        c. Notwithstanding the provision of any law, rule, regulation,  
41 decision, or order to the contrary, the P3 eligible entity shall award  
42 the energy-related project to the private entity whose proposal is  
43 determined by the P3 eligible entity to be the most advantageous to  
44 the P3 eligible entity, with price and other factors considered. The  
45 criteria to be utilized by the P3 eligible entity as the basis for its  
46 award determination shall be established by the trust by rules and  
47 regulations adopted pursuant to section 7 of P.L. , c. (C. )  
48 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

1 d. A P3 eligible entity shall negotiate a public-private  
2 partnership agreement for the energy-related project with the  
3 selected private entity in accordance with the process and standards  
4 established by the trust pursuant to rules and regulations adopted  
5 pursuant to section 7 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
6 Legislature as this bill).

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8 10. (New section) Prior to, or in connection with, the negotiation  
9 and execution of a public-private partnership agreement, a P3  
10 eligible entity may negotiate and execute a preliminary agreement  
11 with a qualified private entity selected for the energy-related  
12 project. The preliminary agreement may, among other things,  
13 authorize a qualified private entity to commence certain preliminary  
14 project development activities for which the private entity may be  
15 compensated. The trust shall establish standards under the program  
16 for preliminary agreements entered into pursuant to this section.

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18 11. (New section) a. A P3 eligible entity and a qualified private  
19 entity shall cooperate with the trust to leverage, to the greatest  
20 extent possible, available private sector financial resources and  
21 expertise and to enhance the ability of an energy-related project to  
22 obtain and maximize federal, State, local, and other funding  
23 sources, including the "Global Warming Solutions Fund"  
24 established pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2007, c.340 (C.26:2C-50),  
25 grants or incentives, tax advantages, or financial and other benefits  
26 to finance, secure, guarantee, service, or reduce project debt, or to  
27 minimize, repay, or accelerate the repayment of project costs, or  
28 provide other advantages.

29 Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, regulation,  
30 decision, or order to the contrary, funds contained in the "Global  
31 Warming Solutions Fund," established pursuant to section 6 of  
32 P.L.2007, c.340 (C.26:2C-50), and financing available through the  
33 trust, to the extent such funds are available, shall be available to  
34 private entities that develop energy-related projects pursuant to an  
35 agreement approved under the program. The funds shall be  
36 supplemental to funding available to an energy-related project from  
37 all other sources including, but not limited to, the New Jersey Clean  
38 Energy Program administered by the Board of Public Utilities, and  
39 any successor or similar program, and programs sponsored by the  
40 electric and natural gas distribution utilities.

41 b. In order to facilitate the financing, development, and  
42 delivery of, or to reduce the costs associated with, an energy-related  
43 project, a P3 eligible entity may:

44 (1) become the owner or lessee of the energy-related project, or  
45 the owner or long-term lessee of the land on which the energy-  
46 related project is located, or both;

47 (2) issue indebtedness in accordance with the P3 eligible entity's  
48 enabling legislation provided that, at a minimum, the private entity

1 guarantees the performance of the energy-related project to the P3  
2 eligible entity;

3 (3) dedicate any property interest, including land, improvements,  
4 fixtures, and tangible personal property that the P3 eligible entity  
5 has for public use; and

6 (4) exercise all powers conferred on the P3 eligible entity by law  
7 including, but not limited to, the power to tax, lease or grant rights  
8 of way, easements, and access, exercise the power of eminent  
9 domain, grant development rights, issue and accelerate permits and  
10 other authorizations, and grant licenses, franchises, contractual, and  
11 real property rights.

12 c. A public-private partnership agreement may also provide for  
13 the sale, long-term lease, or lease-purchase of, or grant of  
14 concessions for, the existing and new assets and facilities of a P3  
15 eligible entity to a private entity, and revenue sharing opportunities  
16 between the P3 eligible entity and private entity pursuant to an  
17 agreement approved under the program. If the public-private  
18 partnership agreement provides for ownership of the energy-related  
19 project, or a portion thereof, by the private entity during the term of  
20 the agreement, the agreement may provide for the transfer of the  
21 project by the private entity to the P3 eligible entity at no charge  
22 upon the expiration of the term of the agreement or any extension  
23 thereof.

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25 12. (New section) The development of an energy-related project  
26 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
27 as this bill) shall be deemed to constitute the performance of an  
28 essential public function. A component of an energy-related project  
29 predominantly used by, or developed in furtherance of the purposes  
30 of a P3 eligible entity pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
31 before the Legislature as this bill) that is owned by or leased to a P3  
32 eligible entity, foreign or domestic nonprofit business entity, or  
33 business entity wholly owned by a nonprofit business entity, shall  
34 be exempt from property taxation and special assessments of the  
35 State, a municipality, and any other political subdivision of the  
36 State, and, notwithstanding the provisions of section 15 of  
37 P.L.1974, c.80 (C.34:1B-15) or section 2 of P.L.1977, c.272  
38 (C.54:4-2.2b) or any other law to the contrary, shall not be required  
39 to make payments in lieu of taxes. The land upon which an energy-  
40 related project is located shall be exempt from property taxation for  
41 the duration of the useful life of the project. The energy-related  
42 project and the land upon which the energy-related project is  
43 located shall not be subject to the provisions of section 1 of  
44 P.L.1984, c.176 (C.54:4-1.10) regarding the tax liability of private  
45 parties conducting for-profit activities on tax exempt land, or  
46 section 1 of P.L.1949, c.177 (C.54:4-2.3) regarding the taxation of  
47 leasehold interests in exempt property that are held by nonexempt  
48 parties.

1 This section shall apply only when the energy-related project is  
2 owned by or leased to a P3 eligible entity, foreign or domestic  
3 nonprofit business entity, or business entity wholly owned by a  
4 nonprofit business entity, and the energy-related project furthers the  
5 purposes of the P3 eligible entity.  
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7 13. (New section) If public funding has not been provided for  
8 the financing of an energy-related project developed pursuant to  
9 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
10 the chief financial officer of the P3 eligible entity that enters into an  
11 agreement for a public-private partnership for an energy-related  
12 project may require the private entity responsible for the  
13 development of the energy-related project to post a bond  
14 guaranteeing prompt payment of funds due to the contractor, its  
15 subcontractors, and all persons furnishing labor or materials to the  
16 contractor or its subcontractors in the conduct of the work on the  
17 energy-related project.  
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19 14. (New section) a. All workers employed in the performance  
20 of any construction undertaken in connection with an energy-related  
21 project for which a public-private partnership agreement has been  
22 approved pursuant to section 4 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
23 before the Legislature as this bill), including all workers for  
24 subcontractors employed in the performance of any construction  
25 undertaken in connection with an energy-related project, shall be  
26 paid not less than the prevailing wage rate for the workers' craft or  
27 trade as determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce  
28 Development pursuant to P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.)  
29 and P.L.2005, c.379 (C.34:11-56.58 et seq.).

30 b. All energy-related projects developed pursuant to a public-  
31 private partnership agreement approved pursuant to section 4 of  
32 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
33 may contain a project labor agreement. A project labor agreement  
34 shall be subject to the provisions of P.L.2002, c.44 (C.52:38-1 et  
35 seq.) and shall be structured in a manner that to the greatest extent  
36 possible enhances employment opportunities for individuals  
37 residing in the county in which the energy-related project will be  
38 located.

39 c. A qualified private entity selected by a P3 eligible entity to  
40 develop an energy-related project pursuant to  
41 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
42 and all affiliates and subcontractors of the private entity, shall  
43 comply with the provisions of "The Public Works Contractor  
44 Registration Act," P.L.1999, c.238 (C.34:11-56.48 et seq.).  
45

46 15. (New section) Each general contractor, construction  
47 manager, design-build team member, and significant subcontractor  
48 that performs work in connection with an energy-related project

1 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
2 as this bill) shall be classified by the trust, in consultation with the  
3 Division of Property Management and Construction in the  
4 Department of the Treasury, to perform work on an energy-related  
5 project in accordance with the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. )  
6 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).  
7

8 16. (New section) a. All energy-related projects proposed by a  
9 P3 eligible entity, following consideration of project proposals and  
10 selection of a qualified private entity in accordance with sections 8  
11 and 9 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
12 this bill), shall be submitted to the Energy P3 Program for project  
13 review and approval. Only a proposal deemed to be complete by  
14 the Energy P3 Program shall be considered. In order for a proposal  
15 to be deemed complete, the proposal shall include all items required  
16 pursuant to the Energy P3 Program and shall include a long-range  
17 operation and maintenance plan. The proposal and long-range  
18 operation and maintenance plan shall be reviewed by the trust and  
19 those in compliance with the program requirements shall be  
20 approved by the trust under the Energy P3 Program in accordance  
21 with rules and regulations adopted pursuant to section 7 of  
22 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).  
23

24 b. An energy-related project shall not proceed unless the project  
25 has been approved by the trust under the Energy P3 Program. The  
26 trust may deny or revoke an approval if it determines that an  
27 energy-related project presented for approval materially deviates  
28 from the proposal submitted by the private entity and preliminarily  
29 approved by the P3 eligible entity, or has not received all required  
30 approvals.

31 c. All energy-related projects shall be completed within five  
32 years after the date of approval by the trust under the Energy P3  
33 Program. The completion date may be extended by the trust upon  
34 demonstration of good cause or the occurrence of an event of force  
35 majeure.

36 d. The development of an approved energy-related project shall  
37 remain subject to oversight and review by the trust under the  
38 Energy P3 Program pursuant to rules and regulations adopted  
39 pursuant to section 7 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
40 Legislature as this bill).

41 17. (New section) a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law,  
42 rule, regulation, decision, or order to the contrary, a private entity  
43 that submits (1) a proposal in response to a solicitation for an  
44 energy-related project or (2) an unsolicited proposal that is accepted  
45 by a P3 eligible entity and made the basis for a solicitation for an  
46 energy-related project, may identify those portions of the proposal  
47 that the private entity deems to be confidential, competitively  
48 sensitive bid-related information, including, but not limited to,

1 pricing and financing terms, and proprietary or trade secret  
2 information. The private entity shall provide justification as to why  
3 the materials identified as confidential should not, upon request, be  
4 produced to others by the P3 eligible entity. Information  
5 determined by the P3 eligible entity to be confidential,  
6 competitively sensitive bid-related information shall not be subject  
7 to disclosure, except as necessary to the trust for the purposes of  
8 evaluation and review of a public-private partnership agreement  
9 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
10 as this bill), or considered a public or government record under  
11 P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) or P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et  
12 al.), or otherwise, prior to the selection of the winning proposal.

13 Disclosure of confidential pricing information shall occur, upon  
14 request, after the selection of the winning proposal, but prior to the  
15 execution of the final public-private partnership agreement.  
16 Information determined to be proprietary or trade secret information  
17 shall not be subject to disclosure at any time by the P3 eligible  
18 entity pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), P.L.2001,  
19 c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), or otherwise.

20 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, regulation,  
21 decision, or order to the contrary, a private entity that submits an  
22 unsolicited proposal for an energy-related project that is rejected by  
23 a P3 eligible entity and not made the basis of a solicitation for an  
24 energy-related project pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
25 before the Legislature as this bill), may request the P3 eligible  
26 entity to return the entire unsolicited proposal to the private entity,  
27 and the P3 eligible entity shall promptly comply with the request.

28 An unsolicited proposal for a P3 eligible entity energy-related  
29 project that is rejected by a P3 eligible entity and not made the basis  
30 of a solicitation for an energy-related project shall not be subject to  
31 disclosure or considered a public or government record under  
32 P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et  
33 al.), or otherwise, and no disclosure of the unsolicited proposal, or  
34 any portion thereof, or records of any communications relating to  
35 the unsolicited proposal, shall be made to the public pursuant to  
36 P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et  
37 al.), or otherwise.

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39 18. (New section) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 of  
40 P.L.1999, c.440 (C.40A:11-4.2), section 46 of P.L.1999, c.440  
41 (C.18A:18A-4.2), P.L.1954, c.48 (C.52:34-6 et seq.), and any other  
42 law, regulation, decision, or order to the contrary, a public-private  
43 partnership agreement between a P3 eligible entity and a private  
44 entity to design, develop, finance, build, own, operate, or maintain,  
45 or a combination thereof, an energy-related project in accordance  
46 with the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
47 Legislature as this bill), may have a term not to exceed 20 years. A  
48 public-private partnership agreement between a P3 eligible entity

1 and a private entity to design, develop, finance, build, own, operate,  
2 or maintain an energy-related project that includes a combined heat  
3 and power facility, cogeneration facility, or on-site generation  
4 facility, as those terms are defined in section 3 of P.L.1999, c.23  
5 (C.48:3-51), a district energy system, a fuel cell, or other distributed  
6 electric generation resource may have a term not to exceed 25  
7 years, which term shall commence after construction of the facility  
8 has been completed and commercial operation has commenced.

9 A public-private partnership agreement between a P3 eligible  
10 entity and a private entity may authorize execution of a long-term  
11 service agreement that may include routine and preventive  
12 maintenance and overhaul and rebuild coverage, for coverage  
13 periods of not less than 10 years, up to the period coinciding with  
14 the useful life of the equipment included within the scope of the  
15 service agreement.

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17 19. (New section) The provisions of P.L.2009, c.136 (C.52:18-  
18 42 et seq.) shall not apply to an energy-related project developed  
19 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
20 as this bill).

21

22 20. (New section) Nothing in P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
23 before the Legislature as this bill) shall be construed to limit the  
24 powers of the Office of the State Comptroller pursuant to P.L.2007,  
25 c.52 (C.52:15C-1 et al.) or the authority of the Board of Public  
26 Utilities.

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28 21. Section 2 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-2) is amended to  
29 read as follows:

30 2. a. The Legislature finds that the steady deterioration of older  
31 sewage and sewer systems and wastewater treatment plants  
32 endangers the availability and quality of uncontaminated water  
33 resources of the State, thereby posing a grave danger to the health,  
34 safety and welfare of the residents of the concerned communities  
35 and the State; that the construction, rehabilitation, operation, and  
36 maintenance of modern and efficient sewer systems and wastewater  
37 treatment plants are essential to protecting and improving the State's  
38 water quality; that in addition to protecting and improving water  
39 quality, adequate wastewater treatment systems are essential to  
40 economic growth and development; that many of the wastewater  
41 treatment systems in New Jersey must be replaced or upgraded if an  
42 inexorable decline in water quality is to be avoided during the  
43 coming decades; that the United States Congress in recognition of  
44 the crucial role wastewater treatment systems and plants play in  
45 maintaining and improving water quality, and with an  
46 understanding that the cost of financing and constructing these  
47 systems must be borne by local governments and authorities with  
48 limited sources of revenues, established in the "Federal Water

1 Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972," Pub.L.92-500 (33  
2 U.S.C. s.1251 et al.) a program to provide local governments with  
3 grants for constructing these systems; that during the last several  
4 years the amount of federal grant money available to states and  
5 local governments for assistance in constructing and improving  
6 wastewater treatment systems has sharply diminished; that the  
7 current level of federal grant funding is inadequate to meet the cost  
8 of upgrading the State's wastewater treatment capacity to comply  
9 with State water quality standards; that the collective needs of the  
10 State and local governments for capital financing of wastewater  
11 treatment systems far exceed the sums of money presently available  
12 through revenue initiatives and State and federal aid programs; and  
13 that it is fitting and proper for the State to encourage local  
14 governments to undertake wastewater treatment projects through  
15 the establishment of a State mechanism to provide loans at the  
16 lowest reasonable interest rates and to guarantee or insure local  
17 capital improvement bonds.

18 b. The Legislature finds that stormwater runoff and combined  
19 sewer overflows are among the major sources of ocean pollution,  
20 contributing to beach closings; that combined sewer systems  
21 discharge untreated wastewater and stormwater into rivers, streams  
22 and coastal waters during wet weather, resulting in water pollution;  
23 that some combined sewer systems have deteriorated to the point  
24 that overflows occur regularly, even during dry weather; that many  
25 sewer systems are on inadequate repair and replacement programs,  
26 which may cause disturbances at sewage treatment plants; that  
27 many municipalities are under building moratoriums due to the  
28 inadequacy of their sewage and stormwater collection systems,  
29 which severely affect municipal budgets; and that large unmet  
30 capital expenses exist for combined sewer system separation and  
31 abatement projects.

32 The Legislature further finds that funding at the federal level for  
33 wastewater treatment, stormwater management and combined sewer  
34 system rehabilitation projects is insufficient; that State funds  
35 available for these projects are inadequate to meet current needs;  
36 that local revenues are insufficient to meet these expenses; and that  
37 additional funding at the State level is necessary to meet this  
38 financial obligation.

39 c. The Legislature finds that construction, rehabilitation,  
40 operation and maintenance of modern and efficient water supply  
41 facilities are essential to protecting and improving the State's water  
42 quality; that the citizens of this State, in recognition of the crucial  
43 role the construction of new and the upgrading of existing water  
44 supply facilities play in maintaining and augmenting the natural  
45 water resources of the State, and with an understanding that the cost  
46 of financing and constructing these systems is beyond the limited  
47 financial resource capabilities of local governments and authorities  
48 and must be subsidized by the State and repaid through a system of



1 water supply user charges, approved the enactment of the "Water  
2 Supply Bond Act of 1981" (P.L.1981, c.261); that the water supply  
3 needs of the State are so great that the funds allocated for this  
4 purpose from the "Water Supply Fund" established by that 1981  
5 bond act should be augmented and maximized, to the extent  
6 practicable, through the use of alternative methods of State  
7 financing to offset the costs of water supply projects and for the  
8 construction of new or the rehabilitation of antiquated or inadequate  
9 existing water supply facilities; that the United States Congress in  
10 recognition of the essential role that safe drinking water plays in  
11 protecting the public health, and with an understanding that  
12 financing, constructing and maintaining water systems that meet the  
13 requirements of the "Safe Drinking Water Act," 42 U.S.C. s.300f et  
14 seq. exceed the financial and technical capacity of the operators of  
15 some water systems, has established in the "Safe Drinking Water  
16 Act Amendments of 1996," P.L.104-182, a program to provide  
17 public water systems with financial assistance to meet national  
18 primary drinking water regulations or to otherwise further the  
19 health protection objectives of the federal law and that the State  
20 must, in order to make use of the federal funds, provide State funds  
21 for the program; and therefore, State funding for the program is  
22 necessary to meet this financial obligation.

23 d. The Legislature finds that the transportation infrastructure of  
24 the State is among the most heavily used in the nation and has  
25 deteriorated in recent years, with parts of the highway system  
26 reaching the end of their useful lives.

27 e. The Legislature finds that capital projects for roadways and  
28 bridges are essential to protecting and improving the State's  
29 transportation system; that construction of new and the upgrading of  
30 existing roadways and bridges play a critical role in the  
31 transportation needs of the State, and with an understanding that the  
32 cost of financing and constructing these systems is beyond the  
33 limited financial resource capabilities of local governments and  
34 authorities and must be subsidized by the State and Federal  
35 government; that the United States Congress has established "State  
36 Infrastructure Bank" programs to provide funding for transportation  
37 systems (23 U.S.C. s.610) and that the State must, in order to make  
38 use of the federal funds, provide State funds for the program; and  
39 therefore, State funding for the program is necessary to meet this  
40 financial obligation.

41 f. The Legislature finds that energy-related projects are essential  
42 to improve the reliability, resiliency, and efficiency of the energy  
43 infrastructure owned or utilized by local government units, water  
44 systems, and various other entities located within the State, and to  
45 reduce energy usage, peak demand, energy costs, and greenhouse  
46 gas emissions.

47 g. The Legislature therefore determines that it is in the public  
48 interest to establish a State authority authorized to issue bonds,

1 notes and other obligations and to establish any reserve funds  
2 necessary therefor, and to make loans to and guarantee debt  
3 incurred by local government units for environmental and  
4 transportation infrastructure projects , and to make loans and  
5 provide other assistance to certain public-private partnership  
6 eligible entities to finance the cost of energy-related projects .  
7 (cf: P.L.2016, c.56, s.11)  
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9 22. Section 3 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-3) is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 3. As used in sections 1 through 27 of P.L.1985, c.334  
12 (C.58:11B-1 through C.58:11B-27), sections 23 through 27 of  
13 P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1, C.58:11B-20.1, C.58:11B-21.1,  
14 C.58:11B-22.1, and C.58:11B-22.2), and sections 22 and 34 through  
15 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5,  
16 C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4):

17 "Aviation project" means a project to develop or improve county  
18 or municipal airport facilities, or airport facilities owned or  
19 operated by a regional transportation authority that is not a bi-state  
20 authority, and related infrastructure or capital equipment, including,  
21 but not limited to, any design, planning, acquisition, construction,  
22 reconstruction, relocation, installation, removal, repair, or  
23 rehabilitation project that facilitates, increases the efficiency of, or  
24 improves the capacity for inter-modal trade for commercial and  
25 industrial facilities that are part of airport facilities. "Aviation  
26 project" includes, but is not limited to, any project to develop or  
27 improve terminal facilities designed for public use and for the  
28 transportation of persons or property, such as airports, runways,  
29 berms, basins, storage places, sheds, warehouses, and related  
30 infrastructure;

31 "Bonds" means bonds issued by the trust pursuant to P.L.1985,  
32 c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et  
33 al.);

34 "Combined sewer overflow" means the discharge of untreated or  
35 partially treated stormwater runoff and wastewater from a combined  
36 sewer system into a body of water;

37 "Combined sewer system" means a sewer system designed to  
38 carry sanitary wastewater at all times, which is also designed to  
39 collect and transport stormwater runoff from streets and other  
40 sources, thereby serving a combined purpose;

41 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of  
42 Environmental Protection;

43 "Cost" means the cost of all labor, materials, machinery and  
44 equipment, lands, property, rights and easements, financing  
45 charges, interest on bonds, notes or other obligations, plans and  
46 specifications, surveys or estimates of costs and revenues,  
47 engineering and legal services, and all other expenses necessary or  
48 incident to all or part of an environmental infrastructure project;

1 "Department" means the Department of Environmental  
2 Protection;

3 "Energy P3 Program" means the same as the term is defined in  
4 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
5 as this bill);

6 "Energy-related project" means the same as the term is defined in  
7 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
8 as this bill);

9 "Environmental infrastructure project" means the acquisition,  
10 construction, improvement, repair or reconstruction of all or part of  
11 any structure, facility or equipment, or real or personal property  
12 necessary for or ancillary to any: (1) wastewater treatment system  
13 project, including any stormwater management or combined sewer  
14 overflow abatement projects; or (2) water supply project, as  
15 authorized pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or  
16 P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), including any water  
17 resources project, as authorized pursuant to P.L.2003, c.162;

18 "Federal infrastructure bank program" means the United States  
19 Department of Transportation State Infrastructure Bank Program  
20 provided for in section 350 of Pub.L.104-59 and Pub.L.102-240 as  
21 amended or superseded;

22 "Local government unit" means (1) a State authority, county,  
23 municipality, municipal, county or regional sewerage or utility  
24 authority, municipal sewerage district, joint meeting, improvement  
25 authority, or any other political subdivision of the State authorized  
26 to construct, operate, and maintain wastewater treatment systems;  
27 (2) a State authority, district water supply commission, county,  
28 municipality, municipal, county or regional utilities authority,  
29 municipal water district, joint meeting, or any other political  
30 subdivision of the State authorized pursuant to law to operate or  
31 maintain a public water supply system or to construct, rehabilitate,  
32 operate, or maintain water supply facilities or otherwise provide  
33 water for human consumption; (3) a county, municipality,  
34 municipal, county or regional transportation authority, or any other  
35 political subdivision of the State authorized to construct, operate, or  
36 maintain public highways or transportation projects; (4) a county,  
37 municipality, or other political subdivision or instrumentality of the  
38 State, or a municipal, county, or State authority that is not a bi-state  
39 authority, authorized to construct, operate, or maintain ports or  
40 marine projects; (5) a county, municipality, municipal or regional  
41 transportation authority, or other political subdivision or  
42 instrumentality of the State authorized to construct, operate, or  
43 maintain airports or aviation projects; or (6) a local government unit  
44 as defined in section 2 of P.L.2023, c.63 (C.58:11B-20.4)  
45 authorized to receive funds pursuant to the "Safeguarding  
46 Tomorrow Through Ongoing Risk Mitigation (STORM) Act,"  
47 Pub.L. 116-284 (42 U.S.C. s. 5135), as amended or supplemented,  
48 and P.L.2023, c.63 (C.58:11B-20.3 et al.);

1 "Marine project" means a project to develop or improve public  
2 port or terminal facilities, and related infrastructure or capital  
3 equipment, including, but not limited to, any design, planning,  
4 acquisition, construction, reconstruction, relocation, installation,  
5 removal, repair, or rehabilitation project that facilitates, increases  
6 the efficiency of, or improves the capacity for inter-modal trade and  
7 cargo movement for commercial or industrial facilities that are part  
8 of port or terminal facilities. "Marine project" includes, but is not  
9 limited to, dredging, soil hardening, and paving of the port  
10 facilities, and ferry terminal facilities designed for public use and  
11 the transportation of persons or property such as water craft, docks,  
12 wharves, piers, slips, storage places, sheds, warehouses, and related  
13 infrastructure. "Marine project" shall not include any project that  
14 relates to or supports recreational or commercial boating activities;

15 "New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program"  
16 means the financing program to fund environmental infrastructure  
17 projects;

18 "New Jersey Transportation Infrastructure Financing Program"  
19 means the financing program to fund transportation projects,  
20 aviation projects, and marine projects;

21 "Notes" means notes issued by the trust pursuant to P.L.1985,  
22 c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.),  
23 or sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3  
24 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and  
25 C.58:11B-22.4);

26 "Onsite wastewater treatment and disposal system" means an on-  
27 site system designed to treat and dispose of domestic sewage;

28 "Other assistance" means forms of financial assistance, in  
29 addition to loans, authorized by the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank  
30 from the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund, the  
31 wastewater treatment system general loan fund, the water supply  
32 facilities general loan fund, or the Community Hazard Assistance  
33 Mitigation Program Revolving Loan Fund established pursuant to  
34 section 3 of P.L.2023, c.63 (C.58:11B-10.6), including, but not  
35 limited to, use of funds to: provide credit enhancements; serve as a  
36 capital reserve for bond or other debt instrument financing;  
37 subsidize interest rates; ensure the issuance of letters of credit and  
38 credit instruments; finance purchase and lease agreements with  
39 respect to transit projects; and provide bond or other debt financing  
40 instrument security;

41 "Planning, design, and construction loan" means a short-term or  
42 temporary loan for eligible costs incurred in project planning,  
43 engineering design, or construction issued before or during the  
44 planning stage of a project;

45 "Private entity" means the same as the term is defined in section  
46 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
47 bill);

1 "Project" means the acquisition, construction, improvement,  
2 repair or reconstruction of all or part of any structure, facility, or  
3 equipment, or real or personal property necessary for or ancillary to  
4 any: (1) wastewater treatment system project, including any  
5 stormwater management or combined sewer overflow abatement  
6 projects; (2) water supply project, as authorized pursuant to  
7 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-  
8 10.1 et al.), including any water resources project, as authorized  
9 pursuant to P.L.2003, c.162; **[or]** (3) transportation project,  
10 aviation project, or marine project authorized pursuant to sections  
11 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through  
12 C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-  
13 22.4); or (4) an energy-related project authorized pursuant to  
14 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

15 "Public-private partnership eligible entity" or "P3 eligible entity"  
16 means the same as the term is defined in section 3 of  
17 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

18 "Public highway" means public roads, streets, expressways,  
19 freeways, parkways, motorways and boulevards, including bridges,  
20 tunnels, overpasses, underpasses, interchanges, express bus  
21 roadways, bus pullouts and turnarounds, park-ride facilities, traffic  
22 circles, grade separations, traffic control devices, the elimination or  
23 improvement of crossings of railroads and highways, whether at-  
24 grade or not at-grade, bicycle and pedestrian pathways and  
25 pedestrian and bicycle bridges, and any property, rights of way,  
26 easements and interests therein needed for the construction,  
27 improvement, and maintenance of highways;

28 "Public water utility" means any investor-owned water company  
29 or small water company;

30 "Small water company" means any company, purveyor or entity,  
31 other than a governmental agency, that provides water for human  
32 consumption and which regularly serves less than 1,000 customer  
33 connections, including nonprofit, noncommunity water systems  
34 owned or operated by a nonprofit group or organization;

35 "Stormwater management system" means any equipment, plants,  
36 structures, machinery, apparatus, management practices, or land, or  
37 any combination thereof, acquired, used, constructed, implemented  
38 or operated to prevent nonpoint source pollution, abate improper  
39 cross-connections and interconnections between stormwater and  
40 sewer systems, minimize stormwater runoff, reduce soil erosion, or  
41 induce groundwater recharge, or any combination thereof;

42 "Transportation project" means a capital project for public  
43 highways, approach roadways and other necessary land-side  
44 improvements, ramps, signal systems, roadbeds, transit lanes or  
45 rights of way, pedestrian walkways and bridges connecting to  
46 passenger stations and servicing facilities, bridges, and grade  
47 crossings;

1 "Trust" means the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank created  
2 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-4);

3 "Wastewater" means residential, commercial, industrial, or  
4 agricultural liquid waste, sewage, septage, stormwater runoff, or  
5 any combination thereof, or other liquid residue discharged or  
6 collected into a sewer system or stormwater management system, or  
7 any combination thereof;

8 "Wastewater treatment system" means any equipment, plants,  
9 structures, machinery, apparatus, or land, or any combination  
10 thereof, acquired, used, constructed or operated by, or on behalf of,  
11 a local government unit for the storage, collection, reduction,  
12 recycling, reclamation, disposal, separation, or other treatment of  
13 wastewater or sewage sludge, or for the collection or treatment, or  
14 both, of stormwater runoff and wastewater, or for the final disposal  
15 of residues resulting from the treatment of wastewater, including,  
16 but not limited to, pumping and ventilating stations, treatment  
17 plants and works, connections, outfall sewers, interceptors, trunk  
18 lines, stormwater management systems, and other personal property  
19 and appurtenances necessary for their use or operation; "wastewater  
20 treatment system" shall include a stormwater management system  
21 or a combined sewer system;

22 "Wastewater treatment system project" means any work relating  
23 to the acquisition, construction, improvement, repair or  
24 reconstruction of all or part of any structure, facility or equipment,  
25 or real or personal property necessary for or ancillary to any  
26 wastewater treatment system that meets the requirements set forth  
27 in sections 20, 21, and 22 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-20,  
28 C.58:11B-21, and C.58:11B-22); or any work relating to any of the  
29 stormwater management or combined sewer overflow abatement  
30 projects identified in the stormwater management and combined  
31 sewer overflow abatement project priority list adopted by the  
32 commissioner pursuant to section 28 of P.L.1989, c.181; or any  
33 work relating to the purposes set forth in section 6 of P.L.2003,  
34 c.162; or any work relating to any other project eligible for  
35 financing under the "Federal Water Pollution Control Act  
36 Amendments of 1972" (33 U.S.C. s.1251 et seq.), or any  
37 amendatory or supplementary acts thereto;

38 "Water resources project" means any work related to transferring  
39 water between public water systems during a state of water  
40 emergency, to avert a drought emergency in all or any part of the  
41 State, to plan, design or construct interconnections of existing water  
42 supplies, or to extend water supplies to areas with contaminated  
43 ground water supplies;

44 "Water supply facilities" means and refers to the real property  
45 and the plants, structures, interconnections between existing water  
46 supply facilities, machinery and equipment and other property, real,  
47 personal and mixed, acquired, constructed or operated, or to be  
48 acquired, constructed or operated, in whole or in part, by or on

1 behalf of a public water utility, or by or on behalf of the State or a  
2 local government unit, for the purpose of augmenting the natural  
3 water resources of the State and making available an increased  
4 supply of water for all uses, or of conserving existing water  
5 resources, and any and all appurtenances necessary, useful or  
6 convenient for the collecting, impounding, storing, improving,  
7 treating, filtering, conserving or transmitting of water, and for the  
8 preservation and protection of these resources and facilities,  
9 whether in public or private ownership, and providing for the  
10 conservation and development of future water supply resources, and  
11 facilitating incidental recreational uses thereof;

12 "Water supply project" means any work relating to the  
13 acquisition, construction, improvement, repair or reconstruction of  
14 all or part of any structure, facility or equipment, or real or personal  
15 property necessary for or ancillary to water supply facilities that  
16 meets the requirements set forth in sections 24, 25, and 26 of  
17 P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-20.1, C.58:11B-21.1, and C.58:11B-  
18 22.1); or any work relating to the purposes set forth in section 4 of  
19 P.L.1981, c.261; or any work relating to the purposes set forth in  
20 section 6 of P.L.2003, c.162; or any work relating to any other  
21 project eligible for funding pursuant to the federal "Safe Drinking  
22 Water Act Amendments of 1996," Pub.L.104-182, and any  
23 amendatory and supplementary acts thereto.

24 (cf: P.L.2023, c.63, s.10)

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26 23. Section 4 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-4) is amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 4. a. There is established in, but not of, the Department of the  
29 Treasury a body corporate and politic, with corporate succession, to  
30 be known as the "New Jersey Infrastructure Bank." The trust is  
31 constituted as an instrumentality of the State exercising public and  
32 essential governmental functions, no part of whose revenues shall  
33 accrue to the benefit of any individual, and the exercise by the trust  
34 of the powers conferred by the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334  
35 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]**  
36 sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3  
37 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and  
38 C.58:11B-22.4), or the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. )  
39 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall be deemed and  
40 held to be an essential governmental function of the State.

41 b. The trust shall consist of **[a 10]** an 11 member board of  
42 directors composed of : the State Treasurer, the Commissioner of  
43 the Department of Community Affairs, the Commissioner of the  
44 Department of Transportation, **[and]** the Commissioner of the  
45 Department of Environmental Protection, and the President of the  
46 Board of Public Utilities, who shall be members ex officio; two  
47 people appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the  
48 President of the Senate, and two people appointed by the Governor

1 upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly,  
2 who shall serve during the two-year legislative term in which they  
3 are appointed; and two residents of the State appointed by the  
4 Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall serve  
5 for terms of four years, except that the first two appointed shall  
6 serve terms of two and three years respectively. Each appointed  
7 director shall serve until that director's successor has been  
8 appointed and qualified. A director is eligible for reappointment.  
9 Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
10 appointment, but for the unexpired term only.

11 With respect to those public members first appointed by the  
12 Governor, the appointment of each of the two members upon the  
13 advice and consent of the Senate shall become effective 30 days  
14 after their nomination by the Governor if the Senate has not given  
15 advice and consent on those nominations within that time period;  
16 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General  
17 Assembly each shall recommend to the Governor a public member  
18 for appointment within 20 days following the effective date of  
19 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) and a public member for  
20 appointment within 20 days following the effective date of  
21 P.L.2016, c.56 and a recommendation made in this manner shall  
22 become effective if the Governor makes the appointment in  
23 accordance with the recommendation, in writing, within 10 days of  
24 the Governor's receipt thereof. In each instance where the Governor  
25 fails to make the appointment, the President of the Senate and the  
26 Speaker of the General Assembly shall make new recommendations  
27 subject to appointment by the Governor as determined in this  
28 section.

29 c. Each appointed director may be removed from office by the  
30 Governor for cause, upon the Governor's consideration of the  
31 findings and recommendations of an administrative law judge after  
32 a public hearing before the judge, and may be suspended by the  
33 Governor pending the completion of the hearing. Each director,  
34 before entering upon the director's duties, shall take and subscribe  
35 an oath to perform the duties of the director's office faithfully,  
36 impartially and justly to the best of the director's ability. A record  
37 of oaths shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

38 d. The Governor shall designate one of the appointed members  
39 to be the chairperson and chief executive officer of the trust and the  
40 directors shall biannually elect a vice-chairperson from among the  
41 appointed directors. The chairperson shall serve as such for a term  
42 of two years and until a successor has been designated. A  
43 chairperson shall be eligible for one additional two-year term as  
44 chairperson. The directors shall elect a secretary and treasurer, who  
45 need not be directors, and the same person may be elected to serve  
46 as both secretary and treasurer.

47 The powers of the trust are vested in the directors in office from  
48 time to time and six directors shall constitute a quorum at any



1 meeting. Action may be taken and motions and resolutions adopted  
2 by the trust by the affirmative majority vote of those directors  
3 present, but in no event shall any action be taken or motions or  
4 resolutions adopted without the affirmative vote of at least six  
5 directors. No vacancy on the board of directors of the trust shall  
6 impair the right of a quorum of the directors to exercise the powers  
7 and perform the duties of the trust.

8 e. Each director and the treasurer of the trust shall execute a  
9 bond to be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties  
10 of the director or treasurer in a form and amount as may be  
11 prescribed by the State Treasurer. Bonds shall be filed in the office  
12 of the Secretary of State. At all times thereafter, the directors and  
13 treasurer shall maintain these bonds in full effect. All costs of the  
14 bonds shall be borne by the trust.

15 f. The directors of the trust shall serve without compensation,  
16 but the trust shall reimburse the directors for actual and necessary  
17 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.  
18 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, no  
19 officer or employee of the State shall be deemed to have forfeited or  
20 shall forfeit the officer's or employee's office or employment or any  
21 benefits or emoluments thereof by reason of the officer's or  
22 employee's acceptance of the office of ex officio director of the  
23 trust or the ex officio director's services thereon.

24 g. Each ex officio director may designate an officer of the ex  
25 officio director's department to represent the ex officio director at  
26 meetings of the trust. Each designee may lawfully vote and  
27 otherwise act on behalf of the director for whom the person  
28 constitutes the designee. The designation shall be delivered in  
29 writing to the trust and shall continue in effect until revoked or  
30 amended in writing and delivered to the trust.

31 h. The trust may be dissolved by law; provided the trust has no  
32 debts or obligations outstanding or that provision has been made for  
33 the payment or retirement of these debts or obligations. The trust  
34 shall continue in existence until dissolved by act of the Legislature.  
35 Upon any dissolution of the trust, all property, funds and assets of  
36 the trust shall be vested in the State.

37 i. A true copy of the minutes of every meeting of the trust shall  
38 be forthwith delivered by and under the certification of the secretary  
39 thereof to the Governor and at the same time to the Senate and  
40 General Assembly. The time and act of this delivery shall be duly  
41 recorded on a delivery receipt. No action taken or motion or  
42 resolution adopted at a meeting by the trust shall have effect until  
43 10 days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, after  
44 a copy of the minutes has been delivered to the Governor, unless  
45 during the 10-day period the Governor shall approve all or part of  
46 the actions taken or motions or resolutions adopted, in which case  
47 the action or motion or resolution shall become effective upon the  
48 approval.

1 If, in the 10-day period, the Governor returns the copy of the  
2 minutes with a veto of any action taken by the trust or any member  
3 thereof at that meeting, the action shall be of no effect. The Senate  
4 or General Assembly shall have the right to provide written  
5 comments concerning the minutes to the Governor within the 10-  
6 day period, which comments shall be returned to the trust by the  
7 Governor with the Governor's approval or veto of the minutes.

8 The powers conferred in this subsection upon the Governor shall  
9 be exercised with due regard for the rights of the holders of bonds,  
10 notes and other obligations of the trust at any time outstanding, and  
11 nothing in, or done pursuant to, this subsection shall in any way  
12 limit, restrict or alter the obligation or powers of the trust or any  
13 representative or officer of the trust to carry out and perform each  
14 covenant, agreement, or contract made or entered into by or on  
15 behalf of the trust with respect to its bonds, notes, or other  
16 obligations or for the benefit, protection or security of the holders  
17 thereof.

18 j. No resolution or other action of the trust providing for the  
19 issuance of bonds, refunding bonds, notes or other obligations shall  
20 be adopted or otherwise made effective by the trust without the  
21 prior approval in writing of the Governor and the State Treasurer.  
22 The trust shall provide the Senate and General Assembly with  
23 written notice of any request for approval of the Governor and State  
24 Treasurer at the time the request is made, and shall also provide the  
25 Senate and General Assembly written notice of the response of the  
26 Governor and State Treasurer at the time that the response is  
27 received by the trust.

28 (cf: P.L.2016, c.56, s.13)

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30 24. Section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5) is amended to  
31 read as follows:

32 5. Except as otherwise limited by the provisions of P.L.1985,  
33 c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.),  
34 **[or]** sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-  
35 10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and  
36 C.58:11B-22.4), or the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. )  
37 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the trust may:

38 a. Make and alter bylaws for its organization and internal  
39 management and, subject to agreements with holders of its bonds,  
40 notes or other obligations, make rules and regulations with respect  
41 to its operations, properties and facilities;

42 b. Adopt an official seal and alter it;

43 c. Sue and be sued;

44 d. Make and enter into all contracts, leases and agreements  
45 necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the  
46 exercise of its powers under the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334  
47 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]**  
48 sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3

1 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and  
2 C.58:11B-22.4), or the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. )  
3 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and subject to any  
4 agreement with the holders of the trust's bonds, notes or other  
5 obligations, consent to any modification, amendment or revision of  
6 any contract, lease or agreement to which the trust is a party;

7 e. Enter into agreements or other transactions with and accept,  
8 subject to the provisions of section 23 of P.L.1985, c.334  
9 (C.58:11B-23), grants, appropriations and the cooperation of the  
10 State, or any State agency, in furtherance of the purposes of  
11 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-  
12 10.1 et al.), **[or]** sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56  
13 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-  
14 22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4), or the provisions of  
15 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
16 and do anything necessary in order to avail itself of that aid and  
17 cooperation;

18 f. Receive and accept aid or contributions from any source of  
19 money, property, labor or other things of value, to be held, used and  
20 applied to carry out the purposes of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et  
21 seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]** sections 22 and  
22 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-  
23 10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4), or  
24 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
25 subject to the conditions upon which that aid and those  
26 contributions may be made, including, but not limited to, gifts or  
27 grants from any department or agency of the State, or any State  
28 agency, for any purpose consistent with the provisions of P.L.1985,  
29 c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.),  
30 **[or]** sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-  
31 10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and  
32 C.58:11B-22.4), or P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
33 Legislature as this bill), subject to the provisions of section 23 of  
34 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-23);

35 g. Acquire, own, hold, construct, improve, rehabilitate,  
36 renovate, operate, maintain, sell, assign, exchange, lease, mortgage  
37 or otherwise dispose of real and personal property, or any interest  
38 therein, in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its  
39 duties under the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.),  
40 P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]** sections 22 and 34  
41 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-  
42 10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4) , or the  
43 provisions of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
44 Legislature as this bill) ;

45 h. Appoint and employ an executive director and any other  
46 officers or employees as it may require for the performance of its  
47 duties, without regard to the provisions of Title 11A of the New  
48 Jersey Statutes;

- 1       i. Borrow money and issue bonds, notes and other obligations,  
2 and secure the same, and provide for the rights of the holders  
3 thereof as provided in the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-  
4 1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]** sections 22  
5 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through  
6 C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4)  
7 , or the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
8 Legislature as this bill) ;
- 9       j. Subject to any agreement with holders of its bonds, notes or  
10 other obligations, invest moneys of the trust not required for  
11 immediate use, including proceeds from the sale of any bonds, notes  
12 or other obligations, in any obligations, securities and other  
13 investments in accordance with the rules and regulations of the  
14 State Investment Council or as may otherwise be approved by the  
15 Director of the Division of Investment in the Department of the  
16 Treasury upon a finding that such investments are consistent with  
17 the corporate purposes of the trust;
- 18       k. Procure insurance to secure the payment of its bonds, notes  
19 or other obligations or the payment of any guarantees or loans made  
20 by it in accordance with the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334  
21 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]**  
22 sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3  
23 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and  
24 C.58:11B-22.4), or the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. )  
25 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), or against any loss in  
26 connection with its property and other assets and operations, in any  
27 amounts and from any insurers as it deems desirable;
- 28       l. Engage the services of attorneys, accountants, engineers, and  
29 financial experts and any other advisors, consultants, experts and  
30 agents as may be necessary in its judgment and fix their  
31 compensation;
- 32       m. (1) Make and contract to make loans and provide other  
33 assistance to local government units, or to a local government unit  
34 on behalf of another local government unit, to finance the cost of  
35 wastewater treatment system projects or water supply projects and  
36 acquire and contract to acquire notes, bonds or other obligations  
37 issued or to be issued by any local government units to evidence the  
38 loans, all in accordance with the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334  
39 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.);
- 40       (2) Make and contract to make loans and provide other assistance  
41 to public water utilities, or to any other person or local government  
42 unit on behalf of a public water utility, to finance the cost of water  
43 supply projects in accordance with the provisions of P.L.1985,  
44 c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et  
45 al.);
- 46       (3) Make and contract to make loans and provide other assistance  
47 to private persons other than local government units, or to any other  
48 person or local government unit on behalf of a private person, to

1 finance the cost of onsite wastewater treatment and disposal  
2 systems or stormwater management systems in accordance with the  
3 provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997,  
4 c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.);

5 (4) Make and contract to make loans and provide other assistance  
6 to one or more local government units or consortia thereof to  
7 finance the cost of transportation projects, aviation projects, and  
8 marine projects in accordance with applicable provisions of the  
9 federal infrastructure bank program and pursuant to sections 22 and  
10 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-  
11 10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4);

12 (5) Make and contract to make loans and provide other assistance  
13 to one or more P3 eligible entities, private entities, or a consortia  
14 thereof to finance the cost of energy-related projects in accordance  
15 the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
16 Legislature as this bill);

17 n. Subject to any agreement with holders of its bonds, notes or  
18 other obligations, purchase bonds, notes and other obligations of the  
19 trust and (1) hold the same for resale for any duration, including  
20 until maturity thereof, including in connection with any cross-  
21 investment initiative of the trust, or (2) provide for the cancellation  
22 thereof, all in accordance with the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334  
23 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]**  
24 sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3  
25 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and  
26 C.58:11B-22.4) , or the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. )  
27 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) ;

28 o. (1) Charge to and collect from local government units, private  
29 persons, public water utilities, **[or]** nonprofit organizations , or P3  
30 eligible entities, as applicable, any fees and charges in connection  
31 with the trust's loans, guarantees or other services, including, but  
32 not limited to, fees and charges sufficient to reimburse the trust for  
33 all reasonable costs necessarily incurred by it in connection with its  
34 financings and the establishment and maintenance of reserve or  
35 other funds, as the trust may determine to be reasonable. The fees  
36 and charges shall be in accordance with a uniform schedule  
37 published by the trust for the purpose of providing actual cost  
38 reimbursement for the services rendered;

39 (2) Any fees and charges collected by the trust pursuant to this  
40 subsection may be deposited and maintained in a special fund  
41 separate from any other funds held by the trust pursuant to section  
42 10 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-10) or section 23 of P.L.1997,  
43 c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1), and shall be available for any corporate  
44 purposes of the trust;

45 p. Subject to any agreement with holders of its bonds, notes or  
46 other obligations, obtain as security or to provide liquidity for  
47 payment of all or any part of the principal of and interest and  
48 premium on the bonds, notes and other obligations of the trust or

1 for the purchase upon tender or otherwise of the bonds, notes or  
2 other obligations, lines of credit, letters of credit and other security  
3 agreements or instruments in any amounts and upon any terms as  
4 the trust may determine, and pay any fees and expenses required in  
5 connection therewith;

6 q. Provide to local government units and P3 eligible entities  
7 any financial and credit advice, and any form of technical  
8 assistance, as these local government units and P3 eligible entities  
9 may request;

10 r. Make payments to the State from any moneys of the trust  
11 available therefor as may be required pursuant to any agreement  
12 with the State or act appropriating moneys to the trust; and

13 s. Take any action necessary or convenient to the exercise of  
14 the foregoing powers or reasonably implied therefrom.  
15 (cf: P.L.2023, c.63, s.11)

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17 25. Section 6 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-6) is amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 6. a. Except as may be otherwise expressly provided in the  
20 provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224  
21 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]** sections 22 and 34 through 38 of  
22 P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-  
23 20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4), or the provisions of  
24 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
25 the trust may from time to time issue its bonds, notes, or other  
26 obligations in any principal amounts as in the judgment of the trust  
27 shall be necessary to provide sufficient funds for any of its  
28 corporate purposes, including the payment, funding, or refunding of  
29 the principal of, or interest or redemption premiums on, any bonds,  
30 notes, or other obligations issued by it, whether the bonds, notes, or  
31 other obligations or the interest or redemption premiums thereon to  
32 be funded or refunded have or have not become due, the  
33 establishment or increase of reserves or other funds to secure or to  
34 pay the bonds, notes, or other obligations or interest thereon and all  
35 other costs or expenses of the trust incident to and necessary to  
36 carry out its corporate purposes and powers.

37 b. Whether or not the bonds, notes or other obligations of the  
38 trust are of a form and character as to be negotiable instruments  
39 under the terms of Title 12A of the New Jersey Statutes, the bonds,  
40 notes and other obligations are made negotiable instruments within  
41 the meaning of and for the purposes of Title 12A of the New Jersey  
42 Statutes, subject only to the provisions of the bonds, notes and other  
43 obligations for registration.

44 c. Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust shall be  
45 authorized by a resolution or resolutions of the trust and may be  
46 issued in one or more series and shall bear any date or dates, mature  
47 at any time or times, bear interest at any rate or rates of interest per  
48 annum, be in any denomination or denominations, be in any form,

1 either coupon, registered or book entry, carry any conversion or  
2 registration privileges, have any rank or priority, be executed in any  
3 manner, be payable in any coin or currency of the United States  
4 which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of  
5 public and private debts, at any place or places within or without  
6 the State, and be subject to any terms of redemption by the trust or  
7 the holders thereof, with or without premium, as the resolution or  
8 resolutions may provide. A resolution of the trust authorizing the  
9 issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations may provide that the  
10 bonds, notes or other obligations be secured by a trust indenture  
11 between the trust and a trustee, vesting in the trustee any property,  
12 rights, powers and duties in trust consistent with the provisions of  
13 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-  
14 10.1 et al.), **[or]** sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56  
15 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-  
16 22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4) , or the provisions of  
17 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
18 as the trust may determine.

19 d. Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust may be sold at  
20 any price or prices and in any manner as the trust may determine.  
21 Notwithstanding any provisions of the "Local Bond Law,"  
22 N.J.S.40A:2-1 et seq., to the contrary, each bond, note, or other  
23 obligation of the trust, and each bond, note, or other obligation of a  
24 local government unit, public water utility, or other person, issued  
25 to the trust to evidence the loan issued to the trust, or, if applicable,  
26 issued to the State, acting by and through the Department of  
27 Environmental Protection, to evidence a loan issued thereby,  
28 pursuant to subsection a. of section 9 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-  
29 9), shall mature and be paid not later than 30 years for  
30 environmental infrastructure projects, 45 years for combined sewer  
31 overflow projects, 31 years for transportation projects, aviation  
32 projects, and marine projects, **[and]** 30 years for hazard mitigation  
33 and resilience projects pursuant to sections 1 through 8 of P.L.2023,  
34 c.63 (C.58:11B-20.3 et al.), and 25 years for energy-related  
35 projects, from the effective date thereof, or the certified useful life  
36 of the project or projects to be financed by the bonds, notes, or  
37 other obligations, whichever is less, or a shorter period of time as  
38 may be applicable to any companion loan made concurrently with  
39 the loan made by the trust and issued pursuant to federal law or  
40 regulation.

41 Notwithstanding the provisions of the "Local Bond Law,"  
42 N.J.S.40A:2-1 et seq., or this subsection, to the contrary, each bond,  
43 note, or other obligation of the trust, and each bond, note, or other  
44 obligation of a local government unit, public water utility, or other  
45 person, issued to the trust to evidence the loan issued to the trust,  
46 or, if applicable, issued to the State, acting by and through the  
47 Department of Environmental Protection, to evidence a loan issued  
48 thereby, pursuant to subsection a. of section 9 of P.L.1985, c.334

1 (C.58:11B-9), and issued in connection with funding provided  
2 pursuant to the "Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of  
3 2014" (WIFIA), 33 U.S.C. s.3901 et seq., as amended and  
4 supplemented, the "Transportation Infrastructure Finance and  
5 Innovation Act of 1998" (TIFIA), 23 U.S.C. s.601 et seq., as  
6 amended and supplemented, or the "Safeguarding Tomorrow  
7 Through Ongoing Risk Mitigation (STORM) Act," Pub.L. 116-284  
8 (42 U.S.C. s. 5135), as amended or supplemented, shall mature and  
9 be paid not later than the maximum time period allowed by those  
10 federal acts.

11 All bonds of the trust shall be sold at public or private sale at the  
12 price or prices and in the manner as the trust shall determine, either  
13 on a negotiated or on a competitive basis. If competitively sold,  
14 bonds shall be sold after notice of sale, a summary of which shall be  
15 published at least once in at least three newspapers published in the  
16 State of New Jersey and at least once in a publication carrying  
17 municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news  
18 published in New Jersey or the city of New York, the first summary  
19 notice to be at least five days prior to the day of bidding. The  
20 notice of sale may contain a provision to the effect that any or all  
21 bids made in pursuance thereof may be rejected. In the event of  
22 such rejection or of failure to receive any acceptable bid, the trust,  
23 at any time within 60 days from the date of such advertised sale,  
24 may sell such bonds at private sale upon terms not less favorable to  
25 the State than the terms offered by any rejected bid. The trust may  
26 sell all or part of the bonds of any series as issued to any State fund  
27 or to the federal government or any agency thereof, at private sale,  
28 without advertisement.

29 e. Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust may be issued  
30 under the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.),  
31 P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]** sections 22 and 34  
32 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-  
33 10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4) , or the  
34 provisions of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
35 Legislature as this bill) without obtaining the consent of any  
36 department, division, board, bureau or agency of the State, and  
37 without any other proceedings or the happening of any other  
38 conditions or things, other than those consents, proceedings,  
39 conditions or things which are specifically required by P.L.1985,  
40 c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.),  
41 **[or]** sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-  
42 10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and  
43 C.58:11B-22.4) , or P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
44 Legislature as this bill) .

45 f. Bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust issued under  
46 the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997,  
47 c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]** sections 22 and 34 through 38 of  
48 P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-



1 20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4) , or the provisions of  
2 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
3 shall not be a debt or liability of the State or of any political  
4 subdivision thereof other than the trust and shall not create or  
5 constitute any indebtedness, liability or obligation of the State or  
6 any political subdivision, but all these bonds, notes and other  
7 obligations, unless funded or refunded by bonds, notes or other  
8 obligations, shall be payable solely from revenues or funds pledged  
9 or available for their payment as authorized in P.L.1985, c.334  
10 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]**  
11 sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3  
12 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and  
13 C.58:11B-22.4) , or P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
14 Legislature as this bill) . Each bond, note and obligation shall  
15 contain on its face a statement to the effect that the trust is obligated  
16 to pay the principal thereof or the interest thereon only from its  
17 revenues, receipts or funds pledged or available for their payment  
18 as authorized in P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997,  
19 c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]** sections 22 and 34 through 38 of  
20 P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-  
21 20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4), or P.L. , c. (C. )  
22 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and that neither the  
23 State, nor any political subdivision thereof, is obligated to pay the  
24 principal or interest and that neither the faith and credit nor the  
25 taxing power of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, is  
26 pledged to the payment of the principal of or the interest on the  
27 bonds, notes or other obligations.

28 g. The aggregate principal amount of bonds, notes or other  
29 obligations, including subordinated indebtedness of the trust, shall  
30 not exceed (1) \$5,000,000,000 with respect to bonds, notes, or other  
31 obligations issued to finance the Disaster Relief Emergency  
32 Financing Program established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2013,  
33 c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5), and (2) \$5,000,000,000 with respect to bonds,  
34 notes, or other obligations issued for all other purposes of the trust.  
35 In computing the foregoing limitations there shall be excluded all  
36 the bonds, notes or other obligations, including subordinated  
37 indebtedness of the trust, which shall be issued for refunding  
38 purposes, whenever the refunding shall be determined to result in a  
39 savings.

40 (1) Upon the decision by the trust to issue refunding bonds,  
41 except for current refunding, and prior to the sale of those bonds,  
42 the trust shall transmit to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or  
43 its successor, a report that a decision has been made, reciting the  
44 basis on which the decision was made, including an estimate of the  
45 debt service savings to be achieved and the calculations upon which  
46 the trust relied when making the decision to issue refunding bonds.  
47 The report shall also disclose the intent of the trust to issue and sell

1 the refunding bonds at public or private sale and the reasons  
2 therefor.

3 (2) The Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor shall  
4 have the authority to approve or disapprove the sales of refunding  
5 bonds as included in each report submitted in accordance with  
6 paragraph (1) of this subsection. The committee shall notify the  
7 trust in writing of the approval or disapproval within 30 days of  
8 receipt of the report. Should the committee not act within 30 days  
9 of receipt of the report, the trust may proceed with the sale of the  
10 refunding bonds, provided that the sale of refunding bonds shall  
11 realize not less than three percent net present value debt service  
12 savings.

13 (3) No refunding bonds shall be issued unless the report has been  
14 submitted to and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight  
15 Committee or its successor as set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of  
16 this subsection.

17 (4) Within 30 days after the sale of the refunding bonds, the trust  
18 shall notify the committee of the result of that sale, including the  
19 prices and terms, conditions and regulations concerning the  
20 refunding bonds, the actual amount of debt service savings to be  
21 realized as a result of the sale of refunding bonds, and the intended  
22 use of the proceeds from the sale of those bonds.

23 (5) The committee shall review all information and reports  
24 submitted in accordance with this subsection and may, on its own  
25 initiative, make observations to the trust, or to the Legislature, or  
26 both, as it deems appropriate.

27 h. Each issue of bonds, notes, or other obligations of the trust  
28 may, if it is determined by the trust, be general obligations thereof  
29 payable out of any revenues, receipts or funds of the trust, or  
30 special obligations thereof payable out of particular revenues,  
31 receipts or funds, subject only to any agreements with the holders of  
32 bonds, notes or other obligations, and may be secured by one or  
33 more of the following:

34 (1) Pledge of revenues and other receipts to be derived from the  
35 payment of the interest on and principal of notes, bonds or other  
36 obligations issued to the trust by one or more local government  
37 units, public water utilities, P3 eligible entities, or other persons,  
38 and any other payment made to the trust pursuant to agreements  
39 with any local government units, public water utilities, P3 eligible  
40 entities, or other persons, or a pledge or assignment of any notes,  
41 bonds, or other obligations of any local government unit, public  
42 water utilities, P3 eligible entities, or other persons and the rights  
43 and interest of the trust therein;

44 (2) Pledge of rentals, receipts and other revenues to be derived  
45 from leases or other contractual arrangements with any person or  
46 entity, public or private, including one or more local government  
47 units, public water utilities, P3 eligible entities, or other persons, or

1 a pledge or assignment of those leases or other contractual  
2 arrangements and the rights and interest of the trust therein;

3 (3) Pledge of all moneys, funds, accounts, securities and other  
4 funds, including the proceeds of the bonds, notes or other  
5 obligations;

6 (4) Pledge of the receipts to be derived from the payments of  
7 State aid, payable to the trust pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1985,  
8 c.334 (C.58:11B-12);

9 (5) A mortgage on all or any part of the property, real or  
10 personal, of the trust then owned or thereafter to be acquired, or a  
11 pledge or assignment of mortgages made to the trust by any person  
12 or entity, public or private, including one or more local government  
13 units, public water utilities, P3 eligible entities, or other persons,  
14 and the rights and interest of the trust therein.

15 i. The trust shall not issue any bonds, notes or other  
16 obligations, or otherwise incur any additional indebtedness, on or  
17 after June 30, 2033.

18 j. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1996, c.88).

19 (cf: P.L.2023, c.63, s.12)

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21 26. Section 7 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-7) is amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 7. In any resolution of the trust authorizing or relating to the  
24 issuance of any of its bonds, notes or other obligations, the trust, in  
25 order to secure the payment of the bonds, notes or other obligations  
26 and in addition to its other powers, may by provisions therein which  
27 shall constitute covenants by the trust and contracts with the holders  
28 of the bonds, notes or other obligations:

29 a. Secure the bonds, notes or other obligations as provided in  
30 section 6 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-6);

31 b. Covenant against pledging all or part of its revenues or  
32 receipts;

33 c. Covenant with respect to limitations on any right to sell,  
34 mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of any notes, bonds or other  
35 obligations of local government units, P3 eligible entities, or other  
36 persons, or any part thereof, or any property of any kind;

37 d. Covenant as to any bonds, notes or other obligations to be  
38 issued by the trust, and the limitations thereon, and the terms and  
39 conditions thereof, and as to the custody, application, investment  
40 and disposition of the proceeds thereof;

41 e. Covenant as to the issuance of additional bonds, notes or  
42 other obligations of the trust or as to limitations on the issuance of  
43 additional bonds, notes or other obligations and on the incurring of  
44 other debts by it;

45 f. Covenant as to the payment of the principal of or interest on  
46 bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust, as to the sources and  
47 methods of payment, as to the rank or priority of the bonds, notes or

- 1 other obligations with respect to any lien or security or as to the  
2 acceleration of the maturity of the bonds, notes or other obligations;
- 3 g. Provide for the replacement of lost, stolen, destroyed or  
4 mutilated bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust;
- 5 h. Covenant against extending the time for the payment of  
6 bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust or interest thereon;
- 7 i. Covenant as to the redemption of bonds, notes and other  
8 obligations by the trust or the holders thereof and privileges of  
9 exchange thereof for other bonds, notes or other obligations of the  
10 trust;
- 11 j. Covenant to create or authorize the creation of special funds  
12 or accounts to be held in trust or otherwise for the benefit of holders  
13 of bonds, notes and other obligations of the trust, or reserves for  
14 other purposes and as to the use, investment, and disposition of  
15 moneys held in those funds, accounts or reserves;
- 16 k. Provide for the rights and liabilities, powers and duties  
17 arising upon the breach of any covenant, condition or obligation and  
18 prescribe the events of default and terms and conditions upon which  
19 any or all of the bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust shall  
20 become or may be declared due and payable before maturity and the  
21 terms and conditions upon which the declaration and its  
22 consequences may be waived;
- 23 l. Vest in a trustee or trustees within or without the State any  
24 property, rights, powers and duties in trust as the trust may  
25 determine, which may include any or all of the rights, powers and  
26 duties of any trustee appointed by the holders of any bonds, notes or  
27 other obligations of the trust pursuant to section 18 of P.L.1985,  
28 c.334 (C.58:11B-18), including rights with respect to the sale or  
29 other disposition of notes, bonds or other obligations of local  
30 government units, public water utilities, P3 eligible entities, or other  
31 persons, pledged pursuant to a resolution or trust indenture for the  
32 benefit of the holders of bonds, notes or other obligations of the  
33 trust and the right by suit or action to foreclose any mortgage  
34 pledged pursuant to the resolution or trust indenture for the benefit  
35 of the holders of the bonds, notes or other obligations, and to limit  
36 or abrogate the right of the holders of any bonds, notes or other  
37 obligations of the trust to appoint a trustee under the provisions of  
38 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-  
39 10.1 et al.), **[or]** sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56  
40 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-  
41 22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4), or the provisions of P.L. ,  
42 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and to  
43 limit the rights, duties and powers of the trustee;
- 44 m. Pay the costs or expenses incident to the enforcement of the  
45 bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust or of the provisions of  
46 the resolution authorizing the issuance of those bonds, notes or  
47 other obligations or of any covenant or agreement of the trust with  
48 the holders of the bonds, notes or other obligations;

1 n. Limit the rights of the holders of any bonds, notes or other  
2 obligations of the trust to enforce any pledge or covenant securing  
3 the bonds, notes or other obligations; and

4 o. Make covenants other than or in addition to the covenants  
5 authorized by P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224  
6 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]** sections 22 and 34 through 38 of  
7 P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-  
8 20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4) , or P.L. ,  
9 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) of like or  
10 different character, and make covenants to do or refrain from doing  
11 any acts and things as may be necessary, or convenient and  
12 desirable, in order to better secure the bonds, notes or other  
13 obligations of the trust, or which, in the absolute discretion of the  
14 trust, would make the bonds, notes or other obligations more  
15 marketable, notwithstanding that the covenants, acts or things may  
16 not be enumerated herein.

17 (cf: P.L.2023, c.63, s.13)

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19 27. Section 9 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9) is amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 9. a. (1) The trust may make and contract to make loans to local  
22 government units, or to a local government unit on behalf of  
23 another local government unit, in accordance with and subject to the  
24 provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997,  
25 c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) to finance the cost of any wastewater  
26 treatment system project or water supply project, which the local  
27 government unit may lawfully undertake or acquire and for which  
28 the local government unit is authorized by law to borrow money.

29 (2) The trust may make and contract to make loans to public  
30 water utilities, or to any other person or local government unit on  
31 behalf of a public water utility, in accordance with and subject to  
32 the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997,  
33 c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) to finance the cost of any water supply  
34 project, which the public water utility may lawfully undertake or  
35 acquire.

36 (3) The trust may make and contract to make loans to private  
37 persons other than local government units, or to any other person or  
38 local government unit on behalf of a private person, in accordance  
39 with and subject to the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1  
40 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) to finance the cost  
41 of stormwater management systems.

42 (4) The trust may make and contract to make loans and provide  
43 other assistance to a local government unit or consortia thereof to  
44 finance the cost of transportation projects, aviation projects, and  
45 marine projects pursuant to sections 22 and 34 through 38 of  
46 P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-  
47 20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4), and provided that the  
48 federally-funded transportation subaccount is operated in

1 accordance with the provisions of the federal infrastructure bank  
2 program.

3 (5) The trust may make and contract to make loans and provide  
4 other assistance to a P3 eligible entity or private entity, or a  
5 consortia thereof, to finance the cost of energy-related projects  
6 pursuant to the provisions of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
7 before the Legislature as this bill).

8 The loans may be made subject to those terms and conditions as  
9 the trust shall determine to be consistent with the purposes thereof.  
10 Each loan by the trust and the terms and conditions thereof shall be  
11 subject to approval by the State Treasurer, and the trust shall make  
12 available to the State Treasurer all information, statistical data and  
13 reports of independent consultants or experts as the State Treasurer  
14 shall deem necessary in order to evaluate the loan. Each loan to a  
15 local government unit, public water utility , P3 eligible entity, or  
16 any other person shall be evidenced by notes, bonds or other  
17 obligations thereof issued to the trust. In the case of each local  
18 government unit, notes and bonds to be issued to the trust and, if  
19 applicable, the State, acting by and through the Department of  
20 Environmental Protection, by the local government unit (1) shall be  
21 authorized and issued as provided by law for the issuance of notes  
22 and bonds by the local government unit, (2) notwithstanding any  
23 provisions of the "Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law," P.L.1983,  
24 c.313 (C.40A:5A-1 et seq.) to the contrary, shall be approved by the  
25 Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the  
26 Department of Community Affairs, and (3) notwithstanding the  
27 provisions of N.J.S.40A:2-27, N.J.S.40A:2-28 and N.J.S.40A:2-29  
28 or any other provisions of law to the contrary, may be sold at  
29 private sale to the trust or the State, as the case may be, at any price,  
30 whether or not less than par value, and shall be subject to  
31 redemption prior to maturity at any times and at any prices as the  
32 trust or the State, as the case may be, and local government units  
33 may agree. Each loan to a local government unit, public water  
34 utility , P3 eligible entity, or any other person and the notes, bonds  
35 or other obligations thereby issued shall bear interest at a rate or  
36 rates per annum as the trust or the State, as the case may be, and the  
37 local government unit, public water utility , P3 eligible entity, or  
38 any other person, as the case may be, may agree.

39 b. The trust is authorized to guarantee or contract to guarantee  
40 the payment of all or any portion of the principal and interest on  
41 bonds, notes or other obligations issued by a local government unit,  
42 public water utility, P3 eligible entity, or other person, to finance,  
43 as applicable, the cost of any wastewater treatment system project,  
44 water supply project, transportation project, aviation project, **[or]**  
45 marine project, or energy-related project, or redevelopment project  
46 that includes, as a portion thereof, any wastewater treatment system  
47 project, water supply project, transportation project, aviation  
48 project, marine project, or energy-related project, or any hazard

1 mitigation and resilience project as defined in section 2 of  
2 P.L.2023, c.63 (C.58:11B-20.4), which the local government unit,  
3 public water utility, P3 eligible entity, or other person may lawfully  
4 undertake or acquire and for which the local government unit is  
5 authorized by law to borrow money, and the guarantee shall  
6 constitute an obligation of the trust, and shall be in furtherance of  
7 the corporate purposes of the trust, for the purposes of P.L.1985,  
8 c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.),  
9 **[or]** sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-  
10 10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and  
11 C.58:11B-22.4) , or P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
12 Legislature as this bill) . Each guarantee by the trust and the terms  
13 and conditions thereof shall be subject to approval by the State  
14 Treasurer, and the trust shall make available to the State Treasurer  
15 all information, statistical data and reports of independent  
16 consultants or experts as the State Treasurer shall deem necessary in  
17 order to evaluate the guarantee.

18 c. The trust shall not make or contract to make any loans or  
19 guarantees to local government units, public water utilities , P3  
20 eligible entities, or any other person, or otherwise incur any  
21 additional indebtedness, on or after June 30, 2053.

22 d. Notwithstanding any provision of P.L.1985, c.334  
23 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) to  
24 the contrary, the trust may receive funds from any source including,  
25 without limitation, any funds drawn by the trust from a revolving  
26 line of credit or other similar financial vehicle that may be procured  
27 by the trust, either through a competitive or negotiated process,  
28 pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5), for deposit  
29 into the Interim Environmental Financing Program Fund or the trust  
30 may issue its bonds, notes or other obligations, including  
31 commercial paper issued through a competitive or negotiated  
32 process, in any principal amounts, in either case, as in the judgment  
33 of the trust shall be necessary to provide sufficient funds to finance  
34 or refinance short-term or temporary loans to local government  
35 units, public water utilities or private persons for any wastewater  
36 treatment system projects included on the Department of  
37 Environmental Protection project priority list and eligible for  
38 approval pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-20)  
39 or water supply projects included on the Department of  
40 Environmental Protection project priority list and eligible for  
41 approval pursuant to section 24 of P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-20.1),  
42 as applicable, without regard to any other provisions of P.L.1985,  
43 c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et  
44 al.), including, without limitation, any administrative or legislative  
45 approvals.

46 The trust shall create and establish a special fund to be known as  
47 the "Interim Environmental Financing Program Fund" for the short-  
48 term or temporary loan financing or refinancing program to be

1 known as the "Interim Environmental Financing Program." The  
2 monies in the fund shall be used for short-term or temporary loans  
3 for clean water and drinking water projects pursuant to the New  
4 Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program.

5 Except as provided in section 1 of P.L.2013, c.93 (C.58:11B-  
6 9.5), any short-term or temporary loans made by the trust pursuant  
7 to this subsection may only be made in advance of the anticipated  
8 loans the trust may make and contract to make under the provisions  
9 of subsection a. of this section from any source of funds anticipated  
10 to be received by the trust. Any such short-term or temporary loan  
11 made pursuant to the Interim Environmental Financing Program  
12 shall mature no later than the last day of the third succeeding fiscal  
13 year following the closing date on which the short-term or  
14 temporary loan was made by the trust to the project sponsor; except  
15 a planning, design, and construction loan shall mature no later than  
16 the last day of the fifth succeeding fiscal year following the closing  
17 date of the planning, design, and construction loan or the last day of  
18 the third succeeding fiscal year following the date of construction  
19 certification following the closing date of the planning, design, and  
20 construction loan, whichever is sooner, provided that, in either case,  
21 project planning or engineering design activities shall not exceed  
22 two years from the closing date of the planning, design, and  
23 construction loan; and except a short-term or temporary loan made  
24 pursuant to this subsection for environmental planning and  
25 engineering design costs associated with long-term control plans for  
26 combined sewer overflow projects shall mature no later than the last  
27 day of the 10th succeeding fiscal year following the closing date on  
28 which the short-term or temporary loan was made by the trust to the  
29 project sponsor; and except a short-term or temporary loan made  
30 pursuant to this subsection which has been submitted as part of an  
31 application for funding pursuant to the "Water Infrastructure  
32 Finance and Innovation Act of 2014" (WIFIA), 33 U.S.C. s.3901 et  
33 seq., as amended and supplemented, shall mature not later than the  
34 funding draw period allowed by this federal act. Any short-term or  
35 temporary loan or planning, design and construction loan made by  
36 the trust pursuant to this subsection may mature in a shorter period  
37 of time as may be necessary to align with construction completion.  
38 With respect to any short-term or temporary loan or planning,  
39 design, and construction loan made by the trust pursuant to this  
40 subsection, the trust may authorize one short-term supplemental  
41 loan for residual project expenses thereof upon receipt by the trust  
42 from the Department of Environmental Protection of a certification  
43 that states that the time required by the project sponsor to complete  
44 construction of the project exceeds the maximum maturity date of  
45 the project sponsor's outstanding short-term or temporary loan or  
46 planning, design, and construction loan. Any such short-term  
47 supplemental loan shall not exceed in duration the last day of the  
48 third succeeding fiscal year following the loan closing of the



1 supplemental loan. The trust may make short-term or temporary  
2 loans pursuant to the Interim Environmental Financing Program to  
3 any one or more of the project sponsors, for the respective projects  
4 thereof, identified in the interim financing project priority list to be  
5 known as the "Interim Environmental Financing Program Project  
6 Priority List" in the form provided to the Legislature by the  
7 Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

8 The Interim Environmental Financing Program Project Priority  
9 List, including any revision thereof or supplement thereto, shall be  
10 submitted to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,  
11 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1) at least once in each fiscal year as provided in  
12 section 20 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-20) and section 24 of  
13 P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-20.1). The Secretary and the Clerk shall  
14 cause the date of submission to be entered upon the Senate Journal  
15 and the Minutes of the General Assembly, respectively. The trust  
16 may revise or supplement the Interim Environmental Financing  
17 Program Project Priority List no more than four times during the  
18 fiscal year and shall submit the revised list to the Legislature when  
19 the revisions are made. Any environmental infrastructure project or  
20 the project sponsor thereof not identified in the Interim  
21 Environmental Financing Program Project Priority List shall not be  
22 eligible for a short-term or temporary loan from the Interim  
23 Environmental Financing Program Fund. The trust may issue short-  
24 term or temporary loans pursuant to this subsection only if a project  
25 is listed on an Interim Environmental Financing Program Project  
26 Priority List that has been submitted to the Legislature. No funds  
27 may be disbursed pursuant to this section for environmental  
28 infrastructure project activities prior to a determination and  
29 certification, in writing, from the Department of Environmental  
30 Protection, that the project activities satisfy the provisions of  
31 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.).

32 e. Notwithstanding any provisions of the "Local Bond Law"  
33 (N.J.S.40A:2-1 et seq.), the "sewerage authorities law," P.L.1946,  
34 c.138 (C.40:14A-1 et seq.), or the "municipal and county utilities  
35 authorities law," P.L.1957, c.183 (C.40:14B-1 et seq.) to the  
36 contrary, short-term or temporary loans made by the trust pursuant  
37 to section 9 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9) or section 1 of  
38 P.L.2013, c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5), and the obligations issued by project  
39 sponsors to evidence such loans, may, at the discretion of the trust  
40 and upon application by the project sponsor, bear interest at a  
41 variable rate determined pursuant to a methodology as may be  
42 established by the trust from time to time.

43 Further, notwithstanding any provisions of the "Local Bond  
44 Law" (N.J.S.40A:2-1 et seq.), the "sewerage authorities law,"  
45 P.L.1946, c.138 (C.40:14A-1 et seq.), or the "municipal and county  
46 utilities authorities law," P.L.1957, c.183 (C.40:14B-1 et seq.) to  
47 the contrary, any short-term or temporary loans made by the trust  
48 pursuant to section 9 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-9) or section 1

1 of P.L.2013, c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5), and any notes or other  
2 obligations issued by project sponsors to evidence such short-term  
3 or temporary loans, as such loans, notes, or other obligations may  
4 be refinanced or extended, as provided in subsections d. and g. of  
5 this section and section 1 of P.L.2013, c.93 (C.58:11B-9.5), except  
6 for loans for environmental planning and engineering design costs  
7 associated with long-term control plans for combined sewer  
8 overflow projects as provided in subsection d. of this section, shall  
9 mature no later than the maturity date as established pursuant to  
10 subsections d. and g. of this section and section 1 of P.L.2013, c.93  
11 (C.58:11B-9.5), without payment by project sponsors of any portion  
12 of the principal thereof prior to maturity.

13 f. Any balances remaining in the Emergency Loan Fund  
14 established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2007, c.138 (C.58:11B-9.1),  
15 the Planning and Design Fund established pursuant to section 1 of  
16 P.L.2009, c.59 (C.58:11B-9.2), the Onsite Wastewater Disposal  
17 Loan Fund established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.2009, c.103  
18 (C.58:11B-9.3), the Supplemental Loan Fund established pursuant  
19 to section 2 of P.L.2011, c.94 (C.58:11B-9.4), and the Equipment  
20 Loan Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2014, c.28  
21 (C.58:11B-9.6) after the date of enactment of P.L.2016, c.30 shall  
22 be transferred to the Interim Environmental Financing Program  
23 Fund, and any loan repayments to the trust of principal and interest  
24 or premium on loans made from those funds shall be credited to the  
25 Interim Environmental Financing Program Fund.

26 g. The trust shall create and establish a special fund to be  
27 known as the "Interim Transportation Financing Program Fund" for  
28 the short-term or temporary loan financing or refinancing program  
29 to be known as the "Interim Transportation Financing Program."

30 Notwithstanding any provision of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1  
31 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) to the contrary,  
32 the trust may receive funds from any source including, without  
33 limitation, any funds drawn by the trust from a revolving line of  
34 credit or other similar financial vehicle that may be procured by the  
35 trust, either through a competitive or negotiated process, pursuant to  
36 section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5), for deposit into the  
37 Interim Transportation Financing Program Fund or the trust may  
38 issue its bonds, notes or other obligations in any principal amounts,  
39 in either case, as in the judgment of the trust shall be necessary to  
40 provide sufficient funds to finance or refinance short-term or  
41 temporary loans to local government units or private persons for  
42 any transportation project, aviation project, or marine project  
43 included on the Department of Transportation Interim  
44 Transportation Financing Program Project Priority List for the  
45 ensuing fiscal year and eligible for approval pursuant to sections 22  
46 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through  
47 C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-  
48 22.4), without regard to any other provisions of P.L.1985, c.334

1 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), or  
2 sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3  
3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and  
4 C.58:11B-22.4), including, without limitation, any administrative or  
5 legislative approvals.

6 Any short-term or temporary loans made by the trust pursuant to  
7 this subsection may only be made in advance of the anticipated  
8 loans the trust may make and contract to make under the provisions  
9 of subsection a. of this section from any source of funds anticipated  
10 to be received by the trust. Any such short-term or temporary loan  
11 made pursuant to the Interim Transportation Financing Program  
12 shall mature no later than the last day of the third succeeding fiscal  
13 year following the closing date on which the short-term or  
14 temporary loan was made by the trust to the project sponsor; except  
15 a planning, design, and construction loan shall mature no later than  
16 the last day of the fifth succeeding fiscal year following the closing  
17 date of the planning, design, and construction loan or the last day of  
18 the third succeeding fiscal year following the date of construction  
19 certification following the closing date of the planning, design, and  
20 construction loan, and except a short-term or temporary loan made  
21 pursuant to this subsection which has been submitted as part of an  
22 application for funding pursuant to the "Transportation  
23 Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 1998" (TIFIA), 23  
24 U.S.C. s.601 et seq., as amended and supplemented, shall mature  
25 not later than the funding draw period allowed by this federal act.  
26 Any short-term or temporary loan or planning, design and  
27 construction loan made by the trust pursuant to this subsection may  
28 mature in a shorter period of time as may be necessary to align with  
29 construction completion, whichever is sooner, provided that, in  
30 either case, project planning or engineering design activities shall  
31 not exceed two years from the closing date of the planning, design,  
32 and construction loan. With respect to any short-term or temporary  
33 loan or planning, design, and construction loan made by the trust  
34 pursuant to this subsection, the trust may authorize one short-term  
35 supplemental loan for residual expenses thereof upon receipt by the  
36 trust from the Department of Transportation of a certification that  
37 states that the time required by the project sponsor to complete  
38 construction of the project exceeds the maximum maturity date of  
39 the short-term or temporary loan or planning, design, and  
40 construction loan. Any such short-term supplemental loan shall not  
41 exceed in duration the last day of the third succeeding fiscal year  
42 following the loan closing of the short-term supplemental loan. The  
43 trust may make short-term or temporary loans pursuant to the  
44 Interim Transportation Financing Program to any one or more of the  
45 project sponsors, for the respective projects thereof, only if a  
46 project is identified in the Department of Transportation Interim  
47 Transportation Financing Program Project Priority List to be known  
48 as the "Interim Transportation Financing Program Project Priority

1 List" in the form provided to the Legislature by the Commissioner  
2 of Transportation.

3 The Interim Transportation Financing Program Project Priority  
4 List, including any revision thereof or supplement thereto, shall be  
5 submitted to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the  
6 General Assembly on or before July 1 of each year. The Interim  
7 Transportation Financing Program Project Priority List shall be  
8 submitted to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,  
9 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1) at least once in each fiscal year. The  
10 Secretary and the Clerk shall cause the date of submission to be  
11 entered upon the Senate Journal and the Minutes of the General  
12 Assembly, respectively. Any transportation infrastructure project or  
13 the project sponsor thereof not identified in the Interim  
14 Transportation Financing Program Project Priority List shall not be  
15 eligible for a short-term or temporary loan from the Interim  
16 Transportation Financing Program Fund. The trust may revise or  
17 supplement the Interim Transportation Financing Program Project  
18 Priority List no more than four times during the fiscal year, and  
19 shall submit the revised list to the Legislature when the revisions  
20 are made.

21 No funds may be disbursed pursuant to this subsection for  
22 transportation project, aviation project, or marine project activities  
23 prior to certification in writing, from the trust, that the project  
24 activities satisfy the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et  
25 seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), or sections 22 and 34  
26 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-  
27 10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4).  
28 Construction activities for a transportation project shall also require  
29 written notification of award concurrence from the Department of  
30 Transportation prior to fund disbursement.

31 h. (1) The trust shall create and establish a special fund to be  
32 known as the "Interim Energy Financing Program Fund" for the  
33 short-term or temporary loan financing or refinancing program to be  
34 known as the "Interim Energy Financing Program."

35 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of P.L.1985, c.334  
36 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.) to  
37 the contrary, the trust may receive funds from any source including,  
38 without limitation, any funds drawn by the trust from a revolving  
39 line of credit or other similar financial vehicle that may be procured  
40 by the trust, either through a competitive or negotiated process,  
41 pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5), for deposit  
42 into the "Interim Energy Financing Program Fund" or the trust may  
43 issue its bonds, notes, or other obligations in any principal amounts,  
44 in either case, as in the judgment of the trust shall be necessary to  
45 provide sufficient funds to finance or refinance short-term or  
46 temporary loans to P3 eligible entities for any energy-related  
47 project included on the Interim Energy Financing Program Project  
48 Priority List for the ensuing fiscal year and eligible for approval

1 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
2 as this bill), without regard to any other provisions of P.L.1985,  
3 c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.),  
4 or sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3  
5 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and  
6 C.58:11B-22.4), including, without limitation, any administrative or  
7 legislative approvals.

8 (3) Any short-term or temporary loans made by the trust pursuant  
9 to this subsection may only be made in advance of the anticipated  
10 loans the trust may make and contract to make under the provisions  
11 of subsection a. of this section from any source of funds anticipated  
12 to be received by the trust. Any such short-term or temporary loan  
13 made pursuant to the Interim Energy Financing Program shall  
14 mature no later than the last day of the third succeeding fiscal year  
15 following the closing date on which the short-term or temporary  
16 loan was made by the trust to the project sponsor; except a  
17 planning, design, and construction loan shall mature no later than  
18 the last day of the fifth succeeding fiscal year following the closing  
19 date of the planning, design, and construction loan or the last day of  
20 the third succeeding fiscal year following the date of construction  
21 certification following the closing date of the planning, design, and  
22 construction loan, whichever is sooner, provided that, in either case,  
23 project planning or engineering design activities shall not exceed  
24 two years from the closing date of the planning, design, and  
25 construction loan. The trust may make short-term or temporary  
26 loans pursuant to the Interim Energy Financing Program to any one  
27 or more of the project sponsors, for the respective projects thereof,  
28 only if a project is identified on the list to be known as the "Interim  
29 Energy Financing Program Project Priority List" in the form  
30 provided to the Legislature by the trust.

31 (4) The Interim Energy Financing Program Project Priority List,  
32 including any revision thereof or supplement thereto, shall be  
33 submitted to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the  
34 General Assembly on or before July 1 of each year. The Interim  
35 Energy Financing Program Project Priority List shall be submitted  
36 to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
37 (C.52:14-19.1) at least once in each fiscal year. The Secretary and  
38 the Clerk shall cause the date of submission to be entered upon the  
39 Senate Journal and the Minutes of the General Assembly,  
40 respectively. An energy-related project or the project sponsor  
41 thereof not identified in the Interim Energy Financing Program  
42 Project Priority List shall not be eligible for a short-term or  
43 temporary loan from the Interim Energy Financing Program Fund.  
44 The trust may revise or supplement the Interim Energy Financing  
45 Program Project Priority List no more than four times during the  
46 fiscal year, and shall submit the revised list to the Legislature when  
47 the revisions are made.

1       (5) No funds may be disbursed pursuant to this subsection for  
2 project activities prior to written notification of award certification  
3 in writing from the trust that the project activities satisfy the  
4 provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224  
5 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), and P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
6 the Legislature as this bill).  
7 (cf: P.L.2023, c.63, s.14)

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9       28. (New section) There is established in the New Jersey  
10 Infrastructure Bank the Energy Infrastructure Financing Program.  
11 The purpose of the program shall be to provide loans and other  
12 forms of financial assistance, as the trust deems appropriate, to P3  
13 eligible entities and private entities that are parties to public-private  
14 partnership agreements to develop and finance energy-related  
15 projects approved by the Energy P3 Program pursuant to  
16 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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18       29. (New Section) a. There is established in the New Jersey  
19 Infrastructure Bank a special fund to be known as the Energy Loan  
20 Origination Fee Fund. The Energy Loan Origination Fee Fund shall  
21 be credited with:

22       (1) monies deposited into the fund as loan origination fees  
23 received by the trust and paid by loan applicants for energy-related  
24 projects financed under the Energy Infrastructure Financing  
25 Program; and

26       (2) any interest paid on the amounts of the energy loan  
27 origination fees.

28       b. Monies in the Energy Loan Origination Fee Fund shall be  
29 drawn and used by the trust to reimburse the trust for administrative  
30 and operating expenses incurred in administering the Energy  
31 Infrastructure Financing Program, except that the total amount  
32 expended by the trust for administrative and operating expenses in  
33 any fiscal year shall not exceed \$8,000,000. The monies in the  
34 Energy Loan Origination Fee Fund shall also be available for  
35 application by the trust for loans to P3 eligible entities for the cost  
36 of energy-related projects. Amounts in excess of the funds drawn  
37 by the trust from the Energy Loan Origination Fee Fund during any  
38 given fiscal year shall be carried forward into the following fiscal  
39 year and held on deposit in the fund.

40       c. As used in this section, "Energy Loan Origination Fee" means  
41 the fee charged by the trust in connection with engineering and  
42 other services provided by the trust to a project sponsor in  
43 connection with the project sponsor's participation in the Energy  
44 Infrastructure Financing Program. A project sponsor may finance  
45 any portion of the energy loan origination fee through an energy  
46 loan to pay a portion of the costs incurred by the trust in the  
47 implementation of the Energy Infrastructure Financing Program.

1 d. Monies in the Energy Loan Origination Fee Fund may be  
2 used to provide loans for fund-approved origination costs associated  
3 with the identification and preliminary development and design of  
4 potential energy-related projects. Such loans shall be repaid in full  
5 by the developers of energy-related projects that are approved by  
6 the Energy P3 Program and developed by the developers, and shall  
7 be considered and treated as project costs. For energy-related  
8 projects that are not approved or developed, upon application to the  
9 Energy P3 Program demonstrating good cause for relief in  
10 accordance with criteria established by the Energy P3 Program,  
11 origination costs may be shared by the Energy P3 Program and P3  
12 eligible entity through forgiveness of one-half of the approved  
13 invoices submitted by the developer performing the preliminary  
14 work for the proposed energy-related project. The origination costs  
15 permitted per project shall not exceed \$100,000 in the aggregate  
16 and \$50,000 in loan forgiveness. A developer that receives  
17 compensation under this section for assisting the identification,  
18 preliminary design, or preliminary development of an energy-  
19 related project, or the preparation of the project proposal to the  
20 Energy P3 Program for such project, shall be disqualified from  
21 bidding for the energy-related project and from any involvement in  
22 project development, other than as a representative of the P3  
23 eligible entity.

24

25 30. (New section) a. The trust shall create and establish a  
26 special fund to be known as the State Energy Infrastructure Bank  
27 Fund. The monies in the State Energy Infrastructure Bank Fund  
28 shall only be used to provide loans and other financial assistance to  
29 energy-related projects funded by the Energy Infrastructure  
30 Financing Program, and for other corporate purposes of the trust's  
31 administration and management of the Energy Infrastructure  
32 Financing Program, subject to agreements with the holders of  
33 bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust. The State Energy  
34 Infrastructure Bank Fund shall be credited with:

35 (1) State and federal funds appropriated to the State Energy  
36 Infrastructure Bank Fund;

37 (2) monies received as repayment of the principal of, and the  
38 interest or premium on loans made from the State Energy  
39 Infrastructure Bank Fund;

40 (3) any interest earnings received on the monies in the State  
41 Energy Infrastructure Bank Fund; and

42 (4) any other monies the Legislature may appropriate to the trust  
43 for deposit into the State Energy Infrastructure Bank Fund to  
44 finance or refinance loans for energy-related projects issued from  
45 the State Energy Infrastructure Bank Fund.

46 b. Notwithstanding any provisions of P.L. , c. (C. )  
47 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) to the contrary, all  
48 monies placed into the State Energy Infrastructure Bank Fund shall

1 be held separate from other funds of the trust, and no funds used to  
2 finance energy-related projects shall be combined or comingled  
3 with any funds that finance (1) wastewater treatment system  
4 projects, (2) water supply projects, (3) other environmental  
5 infrastructure projects, or (4) transportation, transit, marine or  
6 aviation projects, which are not energy-related projects.

7 c. The trust may establish or direct the establishment of federal  
8 and State accounts or subaccounts as may be necessary to meet any  
9 applicable federal law requirements or desirable for the efficient  
10 administration of the trust.

11

12 31. (New section) a. The trust, through the Energy P3  
13 Program, shall for each fiscal year, develop a priority system for  
14 energy-related projects that seek financing from the Energy  
15 Infrastructure Financing Program. The trust shall maintain an  
16 Energy Infrastructure Financing Program Project Priority List,  
17 hereinafter referred to as the Energy Project Priority List, which  
18 shall identify the energy-related projects that the trust has selected  
19 for funding in each fiscal year and the aggregate amount of funds  
20 the trust has authorized for this purpose. The Energy Project  
21 Priority List shall provide a description of each project and an  
22 explanation of how the projects are ranked.

23 The Energy Project Priority List shall be submitted to the  
24 Legislature for the fiscal year on or before January 15 of each year.  
25 The Secretary and the Clerk shall cause the date of submission to be  
26 entered upon the Senate Journal and the Minutes of the General  
27 Assembly, respectively. Incremental revisions or supplements to  
28 the Energy Project Priority List may be submitted to the Legislature  
29 as provided in subsection g. of section 9 of P.L.1985, c.334  
30 (C.58:11B-9). An energy-related project shall be eligible for  
31 funding pursuant to this section if it is identified on an Energy  
32 Project Priority List.

33 Energy-related projects that do not seek financing from the trust  
34 shall not be subject to prioritization in accordance with this section  
35 and shall be considered on their own merit in accordance with the  
36 general review criteria established pursuant to section 16 of  
37 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

38 b. The trust shall prepare an Energy Financing Program Project  
39 Eligibility List for long-term funding by the trust and shall include  
40 the aggregate amount of funds to be authorized for these purposes.  
41 The Energy Financing Program Project Eligibility List shall consist  
42 of Energy Financing Program Project Priority List projects certified  
43 by the trust that have commenced construction and demonstrated to  
44 the Energy P3 Program a high likelihood of construction  
45 completion within three years of date of funding.

46 On or before May 15 of each year, the trust shall submit the  
47 Energy Financing Program Project Eligibility List for the ensuing  
48 fiscal year including any amendatory or supplementary provisions



1 thereto, which shall include the authorization of an aggregate  
2 amount of funds of the trust to be expended for loans and  
3 guarantees for the specific energy-related projects, including the  
4 individual amounts therefor, to be introduced in each House in the  
5 form of legislative appropriations bills, which shall be referred to  
6 the Senate Environment and Energy Committee and the Assembly  
7 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee, or their  
8 successors, for their respective consideration.

9 The Senate Environment and Energy Committee and the  
10 Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee, or their  
11 successors, shall, either individually or jointly, consider the  
12 legislation containing the Energy Program Project Eligibility List,  
13 and shall report the legislation, together with any modifications, out  
14 of committee for consideration by each House of the Legislature.

15 On or before July 1 of each year, the Legislature shall approve an  
16 appropriations act containing the Energy Program Project Eligibility  
17 List, including any amendatory or supplementary provisions  
18 thereto, which act shall include the authorization of an aggregate  
19 amount of funds of the trust to be expended for long-term loans and  
20 guarantees for the energy-related projects, including the individual  
21 amounts for each project included on the list.

22 c. On or before October 15 of each year, the trust may submit an  
23 amended Energy Financing Program Project Eligibility List to be  
24 introduced in each House in the form of legislative appropriations  
25 bills for approval by the Legislature on or before January 15 of the  
26 following calendar year in the manner set forth in subsection a. and  
27 subsection b. of this section.

28 d. The trust shall not expend any money for a long-term loan or  
29 guarantee during a fiscal year for any energy-related project unless  
30 the expenditure has been authorized pursuant to a State annual  
31 appropriations act of the current or three immediately preceding  
32 fiscal years as provided in the provisions of this section, or as  
33 otherwise set forth in an appropriations act.

34 e. The trust shall submit to the Secretary of the Senate and the  
35 Clerk of the General Assembly on or before January 15 of each year  
36 a report which shall identify the energy-related projects financed  
37 during the prior fiscal year, including a project description, the  
38 amount of the loan provided for each project, and the duration of  
39 each loan.

40  
41 32. (New section) a. On or before May 15 of each year, the trust  
42 shall submit to the Legislature a financial plan designed to  
43 implement the financing of the energy-related projects on the  
44 Energy Financing Program Project Priority List or the Energy  
45 Financing Program Project Eligibility List. The financial plan shall  
46 contain an enumeration of the bonds, notes or other obligations of  
47 the trust which the trust intends to issue, including the amounts  
48 thereof and the terms and conditions thereof, a list of loans to be

1 made to P3 eligible entities, including the terms and conditions  
2 thereof and the anticipated rate of interest per annum and repayment  
3 schedule therefor and a list of loan guarantees or contracts to  
4 guarantee the payment of all or a portion of the principal and  
5 interest on bonds, notes or other obligations issued by a P3 eligible  
6 entity to finance the cost of an energy-related project, and the terms  
7 and conditions thereof.

8 The financial plan shall also set forth a complete operating and  
9 financial statement covering proposed operations through the fund  
10 during the forthcoming fiscal year, including amounts of income  
11 from all sources, and the uniform schedule of fees and charges  
12 established by the trust pursuant to subsection o. of section 5 of  
13 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-5), and the amounts to be derived  
14 therefrom, and shall summarize the status of each energy-related  
15 project for which loans or guarantees have been made by the trust.

16 b. On or before June 30 of each year the Legislature may reject  
17 the financial plan through the adoption by both houses of a  
18 concurrent resolution. If the Legislature rejects the financial plan,  
19 the project list shall be removed from the annual appropriations act  
20 and the trust shall not undertake any of the proposed activities  
21 contained therein. If the Legislature takes no action on or before  
22 June 30, the financial plan shall be deemed approved.

23 c. The financial plan for the State Energy Infrastructure Bank  
24 Fund shall not be eligible for inclusion in a consolidated financial  
25 plan as established in section 27 of P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-  
26 22.2).

27  
28 33. (New section) The trust shall, within three years after the  
29 effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
30 Legislature as this bill), and annually thereafter, prepare a report to  
31 the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
32 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature regarding the number, nature,  
33 structure, and scope of public-private partnership agreements for  
34 energy-related projects developed pursuant to  
35 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
36 including: (1) a description of the improvements made to the  
37 energy infrastructure of participating P3 eligible entities; (2)  
38 environmental benefits; (3) job creation and other economic and  
39 societal benefits; (4) costs incurred; and (5) where applicable,  
40 reductions in energy usage and peak demand, and enhancements to  
41 the resiliency and reliability of the State's energy infrastructure.  
42 The report shall also address any implementation issues, including  
43 staffing and resource requirements, and may provide  
44 recommendations regarding how the processes and methods  
45 adopted to foster the development of public-private partnership  
46 agreements for energy-related projects under P.L. , c. (C. )  
47 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) may be improved,  
48 expanded, or made more efficient.

1       34. Section 13 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-13) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       13. Neither the directors of the trust nor any person executing  
4 bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust issued pursuant to  
5 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-  
6 10.1 et al.), **【or】** sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56  
7 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-  
8 22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4) , or P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
9 before the Legislature as this bill) shall be liable personally on the  
10 bonds, notes or other obligations by reason of the issuance thereof.  
11 (cf: P.L.2016, c.56, s.24)

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13       35. Section 14 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-14) is amended to  
14 read as follows:

15       14. The State does pledge to and covenant and agree with the  
16 holders of any bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust issued  
17 pursuant to authorization of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.),  
18 P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **【or】** sections 22 and 34  
19 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-  
20 10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4) , or  
21 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)  
22 that the State shall not limit or alter the rights or powers vested in  
23 the trust to perform and fulfill the terms of any agreement made  
24 with the holders of the bonds, notes or other obligations or to fix,  
25 establish, charge and collect any rents, fees, rates, payments or  
26 other charges as may be convenient or necessary to produce  
27 sufficient revenues to meet all expenses of the trust and to fulfill the  
28 terms of any agreement made with the holders of bonds, notes or  
29 other obligations, including the obligations to pay the principal of  
30 and interest and premium on those bonds, notes or other  
31 obligations, with interest on any unpaid installments of interest, and  
32 all costs and expenses in connection with any action or proceedings  
33 by or on behalf of the holders, and shall not limit or alter the rights  
34 and powers of any local government unit, public water utility, P3  
35 eligible entity, or other person to pay and perform its obligations  
36 owed to the trust in connection with loans received from the trust,  
37 until the bonds, notes and other obligations of the trust, together  
38 with interest thereon, are fully met and discharged or provided for.  
39 (cf: P.L.2023, c.63, s.17)

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41       36. Section 15 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-15) is amended to  
42 read as follows:

43       15. The State and all public officers, governmental units and  
44 agencies thereof, all banks, trust companies, savings banks and  
45 institutions, building and loan associations, savings and loan  
46 associations, investment companies, and other persons carrying on a  
47 banking business, all insurance companies, insurance associations  
48 and other persons carrying on an insurance business, and all

1 executors, administrators, guardians, trustees and other fiduciaries  
2 may legally invest any sinking funds, moneys or other funds  
3 belonging to them or within their control in any bonds, notes or  
4 other obligations issued pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et  
5 seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]** sections 22 and  
6 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-  
7 10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4), or  
8 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
9 and those bonds, notes or other obligations shall be authorized  
10 security for any and all public deposits.

11 (cf: P.L.2016, c.56, s.26)

12

13 37. Section 17 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-17) is amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 17. All property of the trust is declared to be public property  
16 devoted to an essential public and governmental function and  
17 purpose and the revenues, income and other moneys received or to  
18 be received by the trust shall be exempt from all taxes of the State  
19 or any political subdivision thereof. All bonds, notes and other  
20 obligations of the trust issued pursuant to P.L.1985, c.334  
21 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]**  
22 sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3  
23 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and  
24 C.58:11B-22.4) , or P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
25 Legislature as this bill) are declared to be issued by a body  
26 corporate and politic of the State and for an essential public and  
27 governmental purpose and those bonds, notes and other obligations,  
28 and interest thereon and the income therefrom and from the sale,  
29 exchange or other transfer thereof shall at all times be exempt from  
30 taxation, except for transfer inheritance and estate taxes.

31 (cf: P.L.2016, c.56, s.27)

32

33 38. Section 18 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-18) is amended to  
34 read as follows:

35 18. a. If the trust defaults in the payment of principal of, or  
36 interest on, any issue of its bonds, notes or other obligations after  
37 these are due, whether at maturity or upon call for redemption, and  
38 the default continues for a period of 30 days or if the trust defaults  
39 in any agreement made with the holders of any issue of bonds, notes  
40 or other obligations, the holders of 25 percent in aggregate principal  
41 amount of the bonds, notes or other obligations of the issue then  
42 outstanding, by instrument or instruments filed in the office of the  
43 clerk of any county in which the trust operates and has an office and  
44 proved or acknowledged in the same manner as required for a deed  
45 to be recorded, may direct a trustee to represent the holders of the  
46 bonds, notes or other obligations of the issuers for the purposes  
47 herein provided.

1       b. Upon default, the trustee may, and upon written request of  
2 the holders of 25 percent in principal amount of the bonds, notes or  
3 other obligations of the trust of a particular issue then outstanding  
4 shall, in the trustee's own name:

5       (1) By suit, action or proceeding enforce all rights of the holders  
6 of bonds, notes or other obligations of the issue, to require the trust  
7 to carry out any other agreements with the holders of the bonds,  
8 notes or other obligations of the issue and to perform its duties  
9 under P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224  
10 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]** sections 22 and 34 through 38 of  
11 P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-  
12 20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4)   or  P.L.  ,  
13 c. (C.  ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) ;

14       (2) Bring suit upon the bonds, notes or other obligations of the  
15 issue;

16       (3) By action or suit, require the trust to account as if it were the  
17 trustee of an express trust for the holders of the bonds, notes or  
18 other obligations of the issue;

19       (4) By action or suit, enjoin any acts or things which may be  
20 unlawful or in violation of the rights of the holders of the bonds,  
21 notes or other obligations of the issue;

22       (5) Sell or otherwise dispose of bonds and notes of local  
23 government units, public water utilities, P3 eligible entities, or other  
24 persons pledged pursuant to resolution or trust indenture for benefit  
25 of holders of bonds, notes, or other obligations of the issue on any  
26 terms as resolution or trust indenture may provide;

27       (6) By action or suit, foreclose any mortgage pledged pursuant to  
28 the resolution or trust indenture for the benefit of the holders of the  
29 bonds, notes or other obligations of the issue;

30       (7) Declare all bonds, notes or other obligations of the issue due  
31 and payable, and if all defaults are made good, then with the  
32 consent of the holders of 50 percent of the principal amount of the  
33 bonds, notes or other obligations of the issue then outstanding, to  
34 annul the declaration and its consequences.

35       c. The trustee shall, in addition to the foregoing, have those  
36 powers necessary or appropriate for the exercise of any function  
37 specifically set forth herein or incident to the general representation  
38 of holders of bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust in the  
39 enforcement and protection of their rights.

40       d. The Superior Court shall have jurisdiction over any suit,  
41 action or proceeding by the trustees on behalf of the holders of  
42 bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust. The venue of any suit,  
43 action or proceeding shall be in the county in which the principal  
44 office of the trust is located.

45       e. Before declaring the principal of bonds, notes or other  
46 obligations of the trust due and payable as a result of a trust default  
47 on any of its bonds, notes or other obligations, the trustee shall first  
48 give 30 days' notice in writing to the trust and to the Governor,

1 State Treasurer, President of the Senate and Speaker of the General  
2 Assembly.

3 (cf: P.L.2023, c.63, s.18)

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5 39. Section 19 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-19) is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 19. Sums of money received pursuant to the authority of  
8 P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-  
9 10.1 et al.), **[or]** sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56  
10 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-  
11 22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4), or P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
12 before the Legislature as this bill), whether as proceeds from the  
13 sale of particular bonds, notes or other obligations of the trust or as  
14 particular revenues or receipts of the trust, are deemed to be trust  
15 funds, to be held and applied solely as provided in the resolution or  
16 trust indenture under which the bonds, notes or obligations are  
17 authorized or secured. Any officer with whom or any bank or trust  
18 company with which those sums of money are deposited as trustee  
19 thereof shall hold and apply the same for the purposes thereof,  
20 subject to any provision as the aforementioned acts and the  
21 resolution or trust indenture authorizing or securing the bonds,  
22 notes or other obligations of the trust may provide.

23 (cf: P.L.2016, c.56, s.29)

24

25 40. Section 23 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-23) is amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 23. a. No funds from State sources or State bond issues used to  
28 capitalize the trust shall be available for use by the trust unless  
29 appropriated by law to the trust.

30 b. No funds shall be expended by the trust for its annual  
31 operating expenses unless appropriated by law to the trust. Unless  
32 required to be otherwise applied pursuant to law, funds generated  
33 by the operation of the trust, including, but not limited to: proceeds  
34 from the sale of the trust's bonds, notes or other obligations;  
35 revenues derived from investments by the trust; loan repayments  
36 from local government units, public water utilities, or other persons;  
37 and fees and charges levied by the trust, may thereafter be applied  
38 in accordance with the provisions of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1  
39 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), **[or]** sections 22  
40 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through  
41 C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4)  
42 , or P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
43 bill), for any corporate purpose of the trust without appropriation;  
44 except that the funds shall only be used to make loans or guarantees  
45 approved by the Legislature in accordance with the provisions of  
46 sections 20, 21, and 22 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-20, C.58:11B-  
47 21 and C.58:11B-22), sections 24, 25, and 26 of P.L.1997, c.224  
48 (C.58:11B-20.1, C.58:11B-21.1 and C.58:11B-22.1), **[or]** sections

1 35 through 37 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2,  
2 and C.58:11B-22.3) , or P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
3 Legislature as this bill ) .

4 c. The trust shall not apply for federal funds, including funds  
5 which are authorized pursuant to the "Federal Water Pollution  
6 Control Act Amendments of 1972," Pub.L. 92-500 (33 U.S.C.  
7 s.1251 et seq.), and any amendatory or supplementary acts thereto,  
8 except the trust is expressly authorized to apply, in consultation  
9 with the Department of Environmental Protection, for funds under  
10 the "Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act," (WIFIA) 33  
11 U.S.C. s.3901 et seq. as amended or superseded, and, in  
12 consultation with the State Office of Emergency Management in the  
13 Department of Law and Public Safety for funds under the  
14 "Safeguarding Tomorrow Through Ongoing Risk Mitigation  
15 (STORM) Act," Pub.L. 116-284 (42 U.S.C. s. 5135) as amended or  
16 superseded, and with notice to the Department of Transportation,  
17 for funds under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and  
18 Innovation Act (TIFIA) 23 U.S.C. 601 through 23 U.S.C. 609 as  
19 amended or superseded, and provisions of the Moving Ahead for  
20 Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) Pub. L. 112-141, the  
21 Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) Pub. L.  
22 114-94, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-  
23 21) Pub. L. 105-178, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient  
24 Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for User ("SAFETEA-LU")  
25 Pub. L. 109-59, and the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 Pub.  
26 L. 110-432, or any subsequent law concerning federal surface  
27 transportation programs as applicable.

28 The trust, with the concurrence of the Commissioner of  
29 Environmental Protection, may receive, accept or utilize moneys  
30 received from local government units as repayments of principal  
31 and interest on loans made from the State Revolving Fund Accounts  
32 established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1988, c.133.

33 Repayments of principal and interest on all federal funds for  
34 which the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank is expressly permitted to  
35 apply shall be the responsibility of the borrowers of New Jersey  
36 Infrastructure Bank loans issued utilizing those federal funds, and in  
37 no way shall it be the responsibility of the State of New Jersey or  
38 the Department of Transportation.

39 (cf: P.L.2023, c.63, s.20)

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41 41. Section 25 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-25) is amended to  
42 read as follows:

43 25. The trust shall establish the rules and regulations governing  
44 the making and use of loans or guarantees, including, but not  
45 limited to, procedures for the submission of loan guarantee  
46 requests, standards for the evaluation of requests, provisions  
47 implementing priority systems for projects, reporting requirements  
48 of the recipient of any loan or guarantee concerning the progress

1 and the expenditure of funds, and limitations, restrictions or  
2 requirements concerning the use of loan funds as the trust shall  
3 prescribe; provided that the rules and regulations shall be in  
4 compliance with the terms and provisions of P.L.1985, c.334  
5 (C.58:11B-1 et seq.), P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), [or]  
6 sections 22 and 34 through 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3  
7 through C.58:11B-10.5, C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and  
8 C.58:11B-22.4) , or P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
9 Legislature as this bill), relating to the making of or eligibility for  
10 loans or guarantees for environmental infrastructure projects  
11 generally or for any particular type or class of wastewater treatment  
12 system or water supply projects.

13 (cf: P.L.2016, c.56, s.31)

14

15 42. Section 27 of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-27) is amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 27. The trust shall adopt such rules and regulations as it deems  
18 necessary to effectuate the purposes of P.L.1985, c.334 (C.58:11B-1  
19 et seq.) or P.L.1997, c.224 (C.58:11B-10.1 et al.), including those  
20 required pursuant to sections 25 and 26 of P.L.1985, c.334  
21 (C.58:11B-25 and C.58:11B-26), [and] sections 22 and 34 through  
22 38 of P.L.2016, c.56 (C.58:11B-10.3 through C.58:11B-10.5,  
23 C.58:11B-20.2, C.58:11B-22.3, and C.58:11B-22.4), and P.L. ,  
24 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), in  
25 accordance with the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,  
26 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

27 (cf: P.L.2016, c.56, s.33)

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29 43. N.J.S.18A:18A-42 is amended to read as follows:

30 18A:18A-42. All contracts for the provision or performance of  
31 goods or services shall be awarded for a period not to exceed 24  
32 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services  
33 pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. of N.J.S.18A:18A-5 shall  
34 be awarded for a period not to exceed 12 consecutive months. Any  
35 board of education may award a contract for longer periods of time  
36 as follows:

37 a. Supplying of:

38 (1) Fuel for heating purposes, for any term not exceeding in the  
39 aggregate, three years;

40 (2) Fuel or oil for use of automobiles, autobuses, motor vehicles  
41 or equipment, for any term not exceeding in the aggregate, three  
42 years;

43 (3) Thermal energy produced by a cogeneration facility, for use  
44 for heating or air conditioning or both, for any term not exceeding  
45 40 years, when the contract is approved by the Board of Public  
46 Utilities. For the purposes of this paragraph, "cogeneration" means  
47 the simultaneous production in one facility of electric power and  
48 other forms of useful energy such as heating or process steam; or



- 1       b. Plowing and removal of snow and ice, for any term not  
2 exceeding in the aggregate, three years; or
- 3       c. Collection and disposal of garbage and refuse, for any term  
4 not exceeding in the aggregate, three years; or
- 5       d. Data processing service, for any term of not more than seven  
6 years; or
- 7       e. Insurance, including the purchase of insurance coverages,  
8 insurance consultant or administrative services, and including  
9 participation in a joint self-insurance fund, risk management  
10 program or related services provided by a school board insurance  
11 group, or participation in an insurance fund established by a county  
12 pursuant to N.J.S.40A:10-6, or a joint insurance fund established  
13 pursuant to P.L.1983, c.372 (C.40A:10-36 et seq.), for any term of  
14 not more than three years; or
- 15       f. Leasing or servicing of automobiles, motor vehicles,  
16 electronic communications equipment, machinery and equipment of  
17 every nature and kind and textbooks and non-consumable  
18 instructional materials, for any term not exceeding in the aggregate,  
19 five years; except that contracts for the leasing of school buses may  
20 be awarded for any term not exceeding in the aggregate ten years.  
21 Contracts awarded pursuant to this subsection shall be awarded only  
22 subject to and in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated  
23 by the State Board of Education; or
- 24       g. Supplying of any product or the rendering of any service by  
25 a company providing voice, data, transmission or switching  
26 services, for a term not exceeding five years; or
- 27       h. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1999, c.440.)
- 28       i. Driver education instruction conducted by private, licensed  
29 driver education schools, for any term not exceeding in the  
30 aggregate, three years; or
- 31       j. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2009, c.4.) **[.]**
- 32       k. Any single project for the construction, reconstruction or  
33 rehabilitation of any public building, structure or facility, or any  
34 public works project, including the retention of the services of any  
35 architect or engineer in connection therewith, for the length of time  
36 authorized and necessary for the completion of the actual  
37 construction; or
- 38       l. Laundry service and the rental, supply and cleaning of  
39 uniforms for any term of not more than three years; or
- 40       m. Food supplies and food services for any term of not more  
41 than three years; or
- 42       n. Purchases made under a contract awarded by the Director of  
43 the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the  
44 Treasury for use by counties, municipalities or other contracting  
45 units pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1969, c.104 (C.52:25-16.1), for a  
46 term not to exceed the term of that contract; or
- 47       o. The provision or performance of goods or services for the  
48 purpose of producing class I renewable energy, as that term is

1 defined in section 3 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-51), at, or adjacent  
2 to, buildings owned by any local board of education, the entire price  
3 of which is to be established as a percentage of the resultant savings  
4 in energy costs, for a term not to exceed 15 years; provided,  
5 however, that these contracts shall be entered into only subject to  
6 and in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Board of  
7 Public Utilities establishing a methodology for computing energy  
8 cost savings and energy generation costs.

9 p. The sale of electricity or thermal energy, or both, produced  
10 by a combined heat and power facility, cogeneration facility, or on-  
11 site generation facility, as those terms are defined pursuant to  
12 section 3 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-51), a district energy system, or  
13 a distributed electric generation resource as defined pursuant to  
14 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
15 as this bill) constructed and operated pursuant to a public-private  
16 partnership agreement entered into pursuant to P.L. ,  
17 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) may be  
18 for a period not to exceed 25 years, which period shall commence  
19 after construction of the facility has been completed and  
20 commercial operation of the facility has commenced.

21 Any contract for services other than professional services, the  
22 statutory length of which contract is for three years or less, may  
23 include provisions for no more than one two-year, or two one-year,  
24 extensions, subject to the following limitations: a. the contract shall  
25 be awarded by resolution of the board of education upon a finding  
26 by the board of education that the services are being performed in  
27 an effective and efficient manner; b. no such contract shall be  
28 extended so that it runs for more than a total of five consecutive  
29 years; c. any price change included as part of an extension shall be  
30 based upon the price of the original contract as cumulatively  
31 adjusted pursuant to any previous adjustment or extension and shall  
32 not exceed the change in the index rate for the 12 months preceding  
33 the most recent quarterly calculation available at the time the  
34 contract is renewed; and d. the terms and conditions of the contract  
35 remain substantially the same.

36 All multiyear leases and contracts entered into pursuant to this  
37 section, including any two-year or one-year extensions, except  
38 contracts for insurance coverages, insurance consultant or  
39 administrative services, participation or membership in a joint self-  
40 insurance fund, risk management programs or related services of a  
41 school board insurance group, participation in an insurance fund  
42 established by a county pursuant to N.J.S.40A:10-6 or contracts for  
43 thermal energy authorized pursuant to subsection a. above, and  
44 contracts for the provision or performance of goods or services to  
45 promote energy conservation through the production of class I  
46 renewable energy, authorized pursuant to subsection o. of this  
47 section, shall contain a clause making them subject to the  
48 availability and appropriation annually of sufficient funds as may

1 be required to meet the extended obligation, or contain an annual  
2 cancellation clause. All contracts shall cease to have effect at the  
3 end of the contracted period and shall not be extended by any  
4 mechanism or provision, unless in conformance with the "Public  
5 School Contracts Law," N.J.S.18A:18A-1 et seq., except that a  
6 contract may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties to the  
7 contract when a board of education has commenced rebidding prior  
8 to the time the contract expires or when the awarding of a contract  
9 is pending at the time the contract expires.

10 (cf: P.L.2009, c.4, s.3)

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12 44. Section 15 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-15) is amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 15. All contracts for the provision or performance of goods or  
15 services shall be awarded for a period not to exceed 24 consecutive  
16 months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to  
17 subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 5 of  
18 P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-5) shall be awarded for a period not to  
19 exceed 12 consecutive months. Contracts may be awarded for  
20 longer periods of time as follows:

21 (1) Supplying of:

22 (a) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1996, c.113.)

23 (b) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1996, c.113.)

24 (c) Thermal energy produced by a cogeneration facility, for use  
25 for heating or air conditioning or both, for any term not exceeding  
26 40 years, when the contract is approved by the Board of Public  
27 Utilities

28 For the purposes of this paragraph, "cogeneration" means the  
29 simultaneous production in one facility of electric power and other  
30 forms of useful energy such as heating or process steam;

31 (2) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1977, c.53.)

32 (3) The collection and disposal of municipal solid waste, the  
33 collection and disposition of recyclable material, or the disposal of  
34 sewage sludge, for any term not exceeding in the aggregate, five  
35 years;

36 (4) The collection and recycling of methane gas from a sanitary  
37 landfill facility, for any term not exceeding 25 years, when the  
38 contract is in conformance with a district solid waste management  
39 plan approved pursuant to P.L.1970, c.39 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.), and  
40 with the approval of the Division of Local Government Services in  
41 the Department of Community Affairs and the Department of  
42 Environmental Protection. The contracting unit shall award the  
43 contract to the highest responsible bidder, notwithstanding that the  
44 contract price may be in excess of the amount of any necessarily  
45 related administrative expenses; except that if the contract requires  
46 the contracting unit to expend funds only, the contracting unit shall  
47 award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. The approval  
48 by the Division of Local Government Services of public bidding

1 requirements shall not be required for those contracts exempted  
2 therefrom pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-5);

3 (5) Data processing service, for any term of not more than seven  
4 years;

5 (6) Insurance, including the purchase of insurance coverages,  
6 insurance consulting or administrative services, claims  
7 administration services, including participation in a joint self-  
8 insurance fund, risk management program or related services  
9 provided by a contracting unit insurance group, or participation in  
10 an insurance fund established by a local unit pursuant to  
11 N.J.S.40A:10-6, or a joint insurance fund established pursuant to  
12 P.L.1983, c.372 (C.40A:10-36 et seq.), for any term of not more  
13 than three years;

14 (7) Leasing or servicing of (a) automobiles, motor vehicles,  
15 machinery, and equipment of every nature and kind, for a period not  
16 to exceed five years, or (b) machinery and equipment used in the  
17 generation of electricity by a municipal shared services energy  
18 authority established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2015, c.129  
19 (C.40A:66-4), or a contracting unit engaged in the generation of  
20 electricity, for a period not to exceed 20 years; provided, however, a  
21 contract shall be awarded only subject to and in accordance with the  
22 rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of  
23 Local Government Services in the Department of Community  
24 Affairs;

25 (8) The supplying of any product or the rendering of any service  
26 by a company providing voice, data, transmission, or switching  
27 services for a term not exceeding five years;

28 (9) Any single project for the construction, reconstruction, or  
29 rehabilitation of any public building, structure, or facility, or any  
30 public works project, including the retention of the services of any  
31 architect or engineer in connection therewith, for the length of time  
32 authorized and necessary for the completion of the actual  
33 construction;

34 (10) The providing of food services for any term not exceeding  
35 three years;

36 (11) On-site inspections and plan review services undertaken by  
37 private agencies pursuant to the "State Uniform Construction Code  
38 Act," P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.) for any term of not  
39 more than three years;

40 (12) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2009, c.4.)**[.]**

41 (13) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1999, c.440.)

42 (14) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1999, c.440.)

43 (15) Leasing of motor vehicles, machinery, and other equipment  
44 primarily used to fight fires, for a term not to exceed ten years,  
45 when the contract includes an option to purchase, subject to and in  
46 accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Director  
47 of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of  
48 Community Affairs;

1 (16) The provision of water supply services or the designing,  
2 financing, construction, operation, or maintenance, or any  
3 combination thereof, of a water supply facility, or any component  
4 part or parts thereof, including a water filtration system, for a period  
5 not to exceed 40 years, when the contract for these services is  
6 approved by the Division of Local Government Services in the  
7 Department of Community Affairs, the Board of Public Utilities,  
8 and the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to  
9 P.L.1985, c.37 (C.58:26-1 et al.), except that no approvals shall be  
10 required for those contracts otherwise exempted pursuant to  
11 subsection (30), (31), (34), (35) or (43) of this section.

12 For the purposes of this subsection, "water supply services"  
13 means any service provided by a water supply facility; "water  
14 filtration system" means any equipment, plants, structures,  
15 machinery, apparatus, or land, or any combination thereof,  
16 acquired, used, constructed, rehabilitated, or operated for the  
17 collection, impoundment, storage, improvement, filtration, or other  
18 treatment of drinking water for the purposes of purifying and  
19 enhancing water quality and insuring its potability prior to the  
20 distribution of the drinking water to the general public for human  
21 consumption, including plants and works, and other personal  
22 property and appurtenances necessary for their use or operation; and  
23 "water supply facility" means and refers to the real property and the  
24 plants, structures, or interconnections between existing water  
25 supply facilities, machinery and equipment and other property, real,  
26 personal, and mixed, acquired, constructed, or operated, or to be  
27 acquired, constructed, or operated, in whole or in part by or on  
28 behalf of a political subdivision of the State or any agency thereof,  
29 for the purpose of augmenting the natural water resources of the  
30 State and making available an increased supply of water for all  
31 uses, or of conserving existing water resources, and any and all  
32 appurtenances necessary, useful, or convenient for the collecting,  
33 impounding, storing, improving, treating, filtering, conserving, or  
34 transmitting of water and for the preservation and protection of  
35 these resources and facilities and providing for the conservation and  
36 development of future water supply resources;

37 (17) The provision of resource recovery services by a qualified  
38 vendor, the disposal of the solid waste delivered for disposal which  
39 cannot be processed by a resource recovery facility or the residual  
40 ash generated at a resource recovery facility, including hazardous  
41 waste and recovered metals and other materials for reuse, or the  
42 design, financing, construction, operation, or maintenance of a  
43 resource recovery facility for a period not to exceed 40 years when  
44 the contract is approved by the Division of Local Government  
45 Services in the Department of Community Affairs, and the  
46 Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to P.L.1985, c.38  
47 (C.13:1E-136 et al.); and when the resource recovery facility is in

1 conformance with a district solid waste management plan approved  
2 pursuant to P.L.1970, c.39 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.).

3 For the purposes of this subsection, "resource recovery facility"  
4 means a solid waste facility constructed and operated for the  
5 incineration of solid waste for energy production and the recovery  
6 of metals and other materials for reuse, or a mechanized composting  
7 facility, or any other facility constructed or operated for the  
8 collection, separation, recycling, and recovery of metals, glass,  
9 paper, and other materials for reuse or for energy production; and  
10 "residual ash" means the bottom ash, fly ash, or any combination  
11 thereof, resulting from the combustion of solid waste at a resource  
12 recovery facility;

13 (18) The sale of electricity or thermal energy, or both, produced  
14 by a resource recovery facility for a period not to exceed 40 years  
15 when the contract is approved by the Board of Public Utilities, and  
16 when the resource recovery facility is in conformance with a district  
17 solid waste management plan approved pursuant to P.L.1970, c.39  
18 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.).

19 For the purposes of this subsection, "resource recovery facility"  
20 means a solid waste facility constructed and operated for the  
21 incineration of solid waste for energy production and the recovery  
22 of metals and other materials for reuse, or a mechanized composting  
23 facility, or any other facility constructed or operated for the  
24 collection, separation, recycling, and recovery of metals, glass,  
25 paper, and other materials for reuse or for energy production;

26 (19) The provision of wastewater treatment services or the  
27 designing, financing, construction, operation, or maintenance, or  
28 any combination thereof, of a wastewater treatment system, or any  
29 component part or parts thereof, for a period not to exceed 40 years,  
30 when the contract for these services is approved by the Division of  
31 Local Government Services in the Department of Community  
32 Affairs and the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to  
33 P.L.1985, c.72 (C.58:27-1 et al.), except that no approvals shall be  
34 required for those contracts otherwise exempted pursuant to  
35 subsection (36) or (43) of this section.

36 For the purposes of this subsection, "wastewater treatment  
37 services" means any services provided by a wastewater treatment  
38 system; and "wastewater treatment system" means equipment,  
39 plants, structures, machinery, apparatus, or land, or any  
40 combination thereof, acquired, used, constructed, or operated for  
41 the storage, collection, reduction, recycling, reclamation, disposal,  
42 separation, or other treatment of wastewater or sewage sludge, or  
43 for the final disposal of residues resulting from the treatment of  
44 wastewater, including, but not limited to, pumping and ventilating  
45 stations, facilities, plants and works, connections, outfall sewers,  
46 interceptors, trunk lines, and other personal property and  
47 appurtenances necessary for their operation;

1 (20) The supplying of goods or services for the purpose of  
2 lighting public streets, for a term not to exceed five years;

3 (21) The provision of emergency medical services for a term not  
4 to exceed five years;

5 (22) Towing and storage contracts, awarded pursuant to  
6 paragraph u. of subsection (1) of section 5 of P.L.1971, c.198  
7 (C.40A:11-5) for any term not exceeding three years;

8 (23) Fuel for the purpose of generating electricity for a term not  
9 to exceed eight years;

10 (24) The purchase of electricity or administrative or dispatching  
11 services related to the transmission of electricity, from a supplier of  
12 electricity subject to the jurisdiction of a federal regulatory agency,  
13 from a qualifying small power producing facility or qualifying  
14 cogeneration facility, as defined by 16 U.S.C. s.796, or from any  
15 supplier of electricity within any regional transmission organization  
16 or independent system operator or from an organization or operator  
17 or their successors, by a contracting unit engaged in the generation  
18 of electricity for retail sale, as of May 24, 1991, for a term not to  
19 exceed 40 years; or by a contracting unit engaged solely in the  
20 distribution of electricity for retail sale for a term not to exceed ten  
21 years, except that a contract with a contracting unit, engaged solely  
22 in the distribution of electricity for retail sale, in excess of ten  
23 years, shall require the written approval of the Director of the  
24 Division of Local Government Services. If the director fails to  
25 respond in writing to the contracting unit within 10 business days,  
26 the contract shall be deemed approved;

27 (25) Basic life support services, for a period not to exceed five  
28 years.

29 For the purposes of this subsection, "basic life support" means a  
30 basic level of prehospital care, which includes but need not be  
31 limited to patient stabilization, airway clearance, cardiopulmonary  
32 resuscitation, hemorrhage control, initial wound care, and fracture  
33 stabilization;

34 (26) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1999, c.440.)

35 (27) The provision of transportation services to an elderly  
36 person, an individual with a disability, or an indigent person for any  
37 term of not more than three years.

38 For the purposes of this subsection, "elderly person" means a  
39 person who is 60 years of age or older. "Individual with a  
40 disability" means a person of any age who, by reason of illness,  
41 injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or  
42 temporary incapacity or disability, is unable, without special  
43 facilities or special planning or design to utilize mass transportation  
44 facilities and services as effectively as persons who are not so  
45 affected. "Indigent person " means a person of any age whose  
46 income does not exceed 100 percent of the poverty line, adjusted  
47 for family size, established and adjusted under section 2 of the  
48 "Community Services Block Grant Act," (42 U.S.C. s.9902);

1 (28) The supplying of liquid oxygen or other chemicals, for a  
2 term not to exceed five years, when the contract includes the  
3 installation of tanks or other storage facilities by the supplier, on or  
4 near the premises of the contracting unit;

5 (29) The performance of patient care services by contracted  
6 medical staff at county hospitals, correction facilities, and long term  
7 care facilities, for any term of not more than three years;

8 (30) The acquisition of an equitable interest in a water supply  
9 facility pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1993, c.381 (C.58:28-2), or a  
10 contract entered into pursuant to the "County and Municipal Water  
11 Supply Act," N.J.S.40A:31-1 et seq., if the contract is entered into  
12 no later than January 7, 1995, for any term of not more than forty  
13 years;

14 (31) The provision of water supply services or the financing,  
15 construction, operation, or maintenance or any combination thereof,  
16 of a water supply facility or any component part or parts thereof, by  
17 a partnership or copartnership established pursuant to a contract  
18 authorized under section 2 of P.L.1993, c.381 (C.58:28-2), for a  
19 period not to exceed 40 years;

20 (32) Laundry service and the rental, supply, and cleaning of  
21 uniforms for any term of not more than three years;

22 (33) The supplying of any product or the rendering of any  
23 service, including consulting services, by a cemetery management  
24 company for the maintenance and preservation of a municipal  
25 cemetery operating pursuant to the "New Jersey Cemetery Act,  
26 2003," P.L.2003, c.261 (C.45:27-1 et seq.), for a term not exceeding  
27 15 years;

28 (34) A contract between a public entity and a private firm  
29 pursuant to P.L.1995, c.101 (C.58:26-19 et al.) for the provision of  
30 water supply services may be entered into for any term which, when  
31 all optional extension periods are added, may not exceed 40 years;

32 (35) A contract for the purchase of a supply of water from a  
33 public utility company subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of  
34 Public Utilities in accordance with tariffs and schedules of charges  
35 made, charged or exacted or contracts filed with the Board of Public  
36 Utilities, for any term of not more than 40 years;

37 (36) A contract between a public entity and a private firm or  
38 public authority pursuant to P.L.1995, c.216 (C.58:27-19 et al.) for  
39 the provision of wastewater treatment services may be entered into  
40 for any term of not more than 40 years, including all optional  
41 extension periods;

42 (37) The operation and management of a facility under a license  
43 issued or permit approved by the Department of Environmental  
44 Protection, including a wastewater treatment system, a stormwater  
45 management system, or a water supply or distribution facility, as  
46 the case may be, for any term of not more than ten years.

47 For the purposes of this subsection, "wastewater treatment  
48 system" refers to facilities operated or maintained for the storage,



1 collection, reduction, disposal, or other treatment of wastewater or  
2 sewage sludge, remediation of groundwater contamination,  
3 stormwater runoff, or the final disposal of residues resulting from  
4 the treatment of wastewater; "stormwater management system"  
5 means the same as that term is defined in section 3 of P.L.2019,  
6 c.42 (C.40A:26B-3); and "water supply or distribution facility"  
7 refers to facilities operated or maintained for augmenting the  
8 natural water resources of the State, increasing the supply of water,  
9 conserving existing water resources, or distributing water to users;

10 (38) Municipal solid waste collection from facilities owned by a  
11 contracting unit, for any term of not more than three years;

12 (39) Fuel for heating purposes, for any term of not more than  
13 three years;

14 (40) Fuel or oil for use in motor vehicles for any term of not  
15 more than three years;

16 (41) Plowing and removal of snow and ice for any term of not  
17 more than three years;

18 (42) Purchases made under a contract awarded by the Director of  
19 the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the  
20 Treasury for use by counties, municipalities, or other contracting  
21 units pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1969, c.104 (C.52:25-16.1), for a  
22 term not to exceed the term of that contract;

23 (43) A contract between the governing body of a city of the first  
24 class and a duly incorporated nonprofit association for the provision  
25 of water supply services as defined in subsection (16) of this  
26 section, or wastewater treatment services as defined in subsection  
27 (19) of this section, may be entered into for a period not to exceed  
28 40 years;

29 (44) The purchase of electricity generated through Class I  
30 renewable energy or from a power production facility that is fueled  
31 by methane gas extracted from a landfill in the county of the  
32 contacting unit for any term not exceeding 25 years;

33 (45) The provision or performance of goods or services for the  
34 purpose of producing Class I renewable energy or Class II  
35 renewable energy, as those terms are defined in section 3 of  
36 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-51), at, or adjacent to, buildings owned by,  
37 or operations conducted by, the contracting unit, the entire price of  
38 which is to be established as a percentage of the resultant savings in  
39 energy costs, for a term not to exceed 15 years; provided, however,  
40 that a contract shall be entered into only subject to and in  
41 accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Board of Public  
42 Utilities establishing a methodology for computing energy cost  
43 savings and energy generation costs;

44 (46) A power supply contract, as defined pursuant to section 3 of  
45 P.L.2015, c.129 (C.40A:66-3), between a member municipality as  
46 defined pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2015, c.129 (C.40A:66-3), and  
47 the municipal shared services energy authority established pursuant  
48 to the provisions of P.L.2015, c.129 (C.40A:66-1 et al.) to meet the

1 electric power needs of its members, for the lease, operation, or  
2 management of electric generation within a member municipality's  
3 corporate limits and franchise area or the purchase of electricity, or  
4 the purchase of fuel for generating units for a term not to exceed 40  
5 years;

6 (47) A contract entered into pursuant to paragraph (2) of  
7 subsection a. of section 6 of P.L.2006, c.46 (C.30:9-23.20) between  
8 a county hospital authority and a manager for the management,  
9 operation, and maintenance of a hospital owned by the authority or  
10 the county for a term not to exceed 20 years, provided, however,  
11 that a contract entered into pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection  
12 a. of section 6 of P.L.2006, c.46 (C.30:9-23.20) may be renewed for  
13 two additional periods, not to exceed five years each; **[and]**

14 (48) (a) A lease agreement that provides for the use, lease, lease-  
15 back, acquisition, operation, or maintenance of ferry boats and  
16 related facilities and services, for a period not to exceed 20 years,  
17 except as provided by paragraph (b) of this subsection. For the  
18 purposes of this subsection, "related facilities and services"  
19 includes, but is not limited to, docks and terminals, parking  
20 facilities, intermodal facilities, ingress and egress to the parking and  
21 terminal facilities, and the provision of goods and services to the  
22 public, provided that a contract for the provision or performance of  
23 such goods or services is related to ferry services and requires:

24 (1) a total capital expenditure exceeding \$300,000, as certified  
25 by the chief financial officer of the contracting unit, including but  
26 not limited to capital expenditures made by the lessee; or

27 (2) a capital improvement that has a life expectancy upon  
28 completion exceeding 20 years, as certified by the chief financial  
29 officer of the contracting unit.

30 (b) A lease agreement for a capital improvement under  
31 subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of this subsection may be  
32 awarded for a period not to exceed 50 years.

33 (c) Each worker employed in a construction project under a  
34 contract executed pursuant to this subsection shall be paid not less  
35 than the prevailing wage rate for the worker's craft or trade as  
36 determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce  
37 Development pursuant to P.L.1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.) ;  
38 and

39 (49) The sale of electricity or thermal energy, or both, produced  
40 by a combined heat and power facility, cogeneration facility, or on-  
41 site generation facility, as those terms are defined pursuant to  
42 section 3 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-51), a district energy system, or  
43 a distributed electric generation resource as defined pursuant to  
44 section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature  
45 as this bill) constructed and operated pursuant to a public-private  
46 partnership agreement entered into pursuant to P.L. ,  
47 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) may be  
48 for a period not to exceed 25 years, which period shall commence

1 after construction of the facility has been completed and  
2 commercial operation of the facility has commenced .

3 Any contract for services other than professional services, the  
4 statutory length of which contract is for three years or less, may  
5 include provisions for no more than one two-year, or two one-year,  
6 extensions, subject to the following limitations: a. The contract  
7 shall be awarded by resolution of the governing body upon a  
8 finding by the governing body that the services are being performed  
9 in an effective and efficient manner; b. No contract shall be  
10 extended so that it runs for more than a total of five consecutive  
11 years; c. Any price change included as part of an extension shall be  
12 based upon the price of the original contract as cumulatively  
13 adjusted pursuant to any previous adjustment or extension and shall  
14 not exceed the change in the index rate for the 12 months preceding  
15 the most recent quarterly calculation available at the time the  
16 contract is renewed; and d. The terms and conditions of the  
17 contract remain substantially the same.

18 All multiyear leases and contracts entered into pursuant to this  
19 section, including any two-year or one-year extensions, except  
20 contracts involving the supplying of electricity for the purpose of  
21 lighting public streets and contracts for thermal energy authorized  
22 pursuant to subsection (1) above, construction contracts authorized  
23 pursuant to subsection (9) above, contracts for the provision or  
24 performance of goods or services or the supplying of equipment to  
25 promote energy conservation through the production of Class I  
26 renewable energy or Class II renewable energy authorized pursuant  
27 to subsection (45) above, contracts for water supply services or for  
28 a water supply facility, or any component part or parts thereof  
29 authorized pursuant to subsection (16), (30), (31), (34), (35), (37),  
30 or (43) above, contracts for resource recovery services or a resource  
31 recovery facility authorized pursuant to subsection (17) above,  
32 contracts for the sale of energy produced by a resource recovery  
33 facility authorized pursuant to subsection (18) above, contracts for  
34 wastewater treatment services or for a wastewater treatment system  
35 or any component part or parts thereof authorized pursuant to  
36 subsection (19), (36), (37), or (43) above, contracts for the  
37 operation and maintenance of a stormwater management system  
38 authorized pursuant to subsection (37) above, and contracts for the  
39 purchase of electricity or administrative or dispatching services  
40 related to the transmission of electricity authorized pursuant to  
41 subsection (24) above, contracts for the purchase of electricity  
42 generated from a power production facility that is fueled by  
43 methane gas authorized pursuant to subsection (44) above, and  
44 power supply contracts authorized pursuant to subsection (46)  
45 respectively, shall contain a clause making them subject to the  
46 availability and appropriation annually of sufficient funds as may  
47 be required to meet the extended obligation, or contain an annual  
48 cancellation clause.

1 The Division of Local Government Services in the Department  
2 of Community Affairs shall adopt and promulgate rules and  
3 regulations concerning the methods of accounting for all contracts  
4 that do not coincide with the fiscal year.

5 All contracts shall cease to have effect at the end of the  
6 contracted period and shall not be extended by any mechanism or  
7 provision, unless in conformance with the "Local Public Contracts  
8 Law," P.L.1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-1 et seq.), except that a contract  
9 may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties to the contract  
10 when a contracting unit has commenced rebidding prior to the time  
11 the contract expires or when the awarding of a contract is pending  
12 at the time the contract expires.

13 (cf: P.L.2019, c.79, s.1)

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15 45. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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20 This bill, entitled the "Energy Infrastructure Public-Private  
21 Partnership Act," would permit private entities to propose to public-  
22 private partnership eligible entities, as defined in the bill, certain  
23 energy-related projects through a public-private partnership (P3)  
24 agreement. The bill would create an Energy Infrastructure Public-  
25 Private Partnership Program (Energy P3 Program) and an Energy  
26 Infrastructure Financing Program within the New Jersey  
27 Infrastructure Bank (NJIB).

28 The Energy P3 Program would be responsible for the  
29 formulation and execution of a comprehensive Statewide policy for  
30 P3 agreements that facilitate the development of energy-related  
31 projects and for the development, promotion, coordination,  
32 oversight, and approval of P3 agreements for energy-related  
33 projects. The Energy Infrastructure Financing Program would  
34 provide loans and other forms of financial assistance to P3 eligible  
35 entities that are parties to public-private partnership agreements to  
36 develop and finance energy-related projects pursuant to the bill.

37 The bill defines "public-private partnership eligible entity," or  
38 "P3 eligible entity," as the State, its subdivisions, and any  
39 department, agency, commission, authority, board, or  
40 instrumentality thereof, a county, a municipality, a board of  
41 education, a State college or university, a county college, a private  
42 not-for-profit higher education institution, a regional or municipal  
43 utility authority, a quasi-State agency, a State-created corporation,  
44 and a private not-for-profit hospital licensed by the Department of  
45 Health pursuant to the "Health Care Facilities Planning Act,"  
46 P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.).

47 The Energy P3 Program would consult and coordinate with  
48 representatives of other State departments, agencies, boards, and

1 authorities to accomplish the goals of the bill and facilitate P3  
2 agreements for energy-related projects. The bill directs the NJIB to  
3 develop criteria by which a P3 eligible entity would award an  
4 energy-related project to a private entity whose proposal is  
5 determined to be the most advantageous. The bill prescribes  
6 competitive contracting procedures to govern P3 agreements,  
7 including procurements and prevailing wage requirements for  
8 workers engaged in construction activities and other worker  
9 protections, and provides oversight authority to the Energy P3  
10 Program to protect the interests of participating entities. The bill  
11 permits the inclusion of a project labor agreement in all energy-  
12 related projects created pursuant to the provisions of the bill. The  
13 bill also requires, beginning three years after the bill is enacted into  
14 law, an annual report concerning energy-related P3 projects to be  
15 submitted to the Governor and to the Legislature.

16 The bill amends the "New Jersey Infrastructure Trust Act" to  
17 establish an Energy Infrastructure Financing Program in the NJIB to  
18 provide loans and other forms of financial assistance, as the NJIB  
19 deems appropriate, to P3 eligible entities and private entities that  
20 are parties to P3 agreements to develop and finance energy-related  
21 projects pursuant to the bill. The bill would also add the President  
22 of the Board of Public Utilities as an ex-officio member to the  
23 board of directors for the NJIB.

24 The bill makes various changes to existing statutes related to the  
25 NJIB in order to expand its mission from water, environmental  
26 infrastructure, and transportation projects, to include energy-related  
27 projects. The bill requires that funds and accounts of the NJIB be  
28 segregated in such a way as to prevent the mixing of transportation  
29 monies and water or environmental infrastructure monies with  
30 energy-related monies. The bill creates an interim financing  
31 program for energy-related projects and establishes an Energy Loan  
32 Origination Fee Fund similar to the existing interim financing  
33 programs and fee funds for environmental and transportation  
34 projects.

35 The bill would require the NJIB to submit to the Legislature, on  
36 or before May 15 of each year, a financial plan designed to  
37 implement the financing of the energy-related projects on the  
38 Energy Financing Program Project Priority List or the Energy  
39 Financing Program Project Eligibility List. The bill provides that  
40 on or before June 30 of each year the Legislature may reject the  
41 financial plan through the adoption by both houses of a concurrent  
42 resolution. If the Legislature rejects the financial plan, the project  
43 list would be removed from the annual appropriations act and the  
44 NJIB would not undertake any of the proposed activities contained  
45 in the plan. If the Legislature takes no action on the financial plan  
46 on or before June 30, the financial plan would be deemed approved.

47 Under the bill, the development of an energy-related project  
48 would be deemed to constitute the performance of an essential

1 public function. A component of an energy-related project  
2 predominantly used by, or developed in furtherance of the purposes  
3 of a P3 eligible entity that is owned by or leased to a P3 eligible  
4 entity, foreign or domestic nonprofit business entity, or business  
5 entity wholly owned by a nonprofit business entity, would be  
6 exempt from property taxation and special assessments of the State,  
7 a municipality, and any other political subdivision of the State, and,  
8 notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary,  
9 would not be required to make payments in lieu of taxes, and the  
10 land upon which an energy-related project is located would be  
11 exempt from property taxation for the useful life of the project.

12 The bill provides that the provisions of P.L.2009, c.136 (the  
13 requirements for certain public contracts with private firms) do not  
14 apply to energy-related projects developed under the bill. The bill  
15 also provides that nothing in the bill limits the powers of the Office  
16 of the State Comptroller or the authority of the Board of Public  
17 Utilities.

18 Finally, the bill amends the "Public School Contracts Law" and  
19 the "Local Public Contracts Law" to provide that a contract may be  
20 for up to 25 years for the sale of electricity or thermal energy, or  
21 both, produced by a combined heat and power facility, cogeneration  
22 facility, on-site generation facility, a district energy system, or a  
23 distributed electric generation resource constructed and operated  
24 pursuant to a public-private partnership agreement under the bill.