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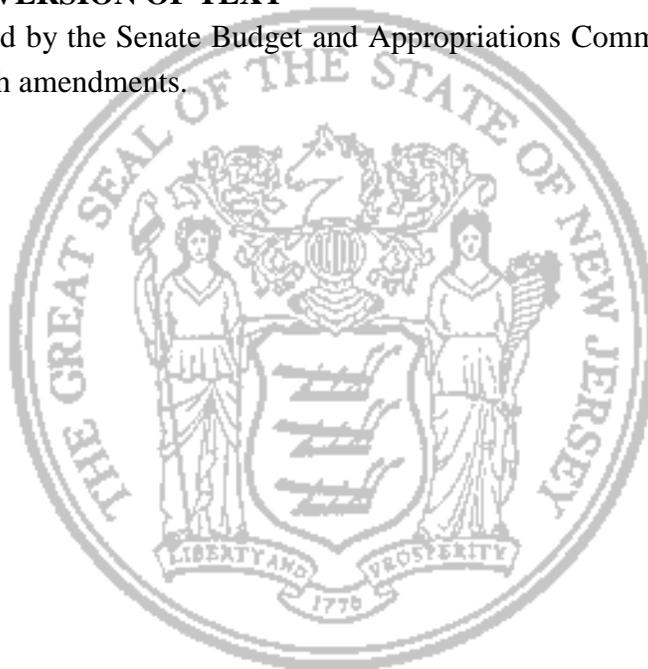
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SYNOPSIS

Requires Department of Treasury and DHS to annually identify State funds available for NJ FamilyCare and child care services, evaluate programs, and create prioritized list of initiatives to improve quality of care under programs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on March 17, 2025, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/24/2025)

1 AN ACT concerning NJ FamilyCare ¹and child care¹ and
2 supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. Commencing January 1 next following the effective date of
8 this section, and annually thereafter, the Director of the Office of
9 Management and Budget in the Department of the Treasury and the
10 Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Medical Assistance and
11 Health Services in the Department of Human Services shall prepare
12 and submit a report to the Governor and to the Legislature, pursuant to
13 section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), that:

14 (1) identifies all unencumbered or unallocated State funds that are
15 available to be appropriated in the current fiscal year to the Division of
16 Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human
17 Services for the purposes of NJ FamilyCare ¹and any program that
18 utilizes Medicaid funds including, but not limited to, school-based
19 health services reimbursed by Medicaid¹ ; and

20 (2) evaluates the quality of care for beneficiaries across NJ
21 FamilyCare and compiles a prioritized list of the 12 most urgent policy
22 changes and legislative actions, along with the associated State funds
23 necessary to implement those initiatives, that are required to address
24 any quality of care deficiency identified in the evaluation.

25 b. As used in this section, “NJ FamilyCare” means the program
26 established pursuant to P.L.2005, c.156 (C.30:4J-8 et al.), which
27 includes the Medicaid program and the Children’s Health Insurance
28 Program.

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30 ¹2. a. Commencing January 1 next following the effective date of
31 this section, and annually thereafter, the Director of the Office of
32 Management and Budget in the Department of the Treasury and the
33 Director of the Division of Family Development in the Department of
34 Human Services shall prepare and submit a report to the Governor and
35 to the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
36 19.1), that:

37 (1) identifies all unencumbered or unallocated State funds that are
38 available to be appropriated in the current fiscal year to the
39 Department of Human Services for the purposes of providing subsidy
40 payments for child care services; and

41 (2) evaluates the quality of child care services in the State and
42 compiles a prioritized list of the 12 most urgent policy changes and
43 legislative actions, along with the associated State funds necessary to
44 implement those initiatives, that are required to address any deficiency
45 identified in the evaluation.

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted March 17, 2025.

1 b. As used in this section, “child care services” means those
2 services provided to eligible children, as certified by the Division of
3 Family Development, for which the division receives and administers
4 State and federal funding to provide subsidy payments to licensed
5 child care providers or registered family day care providers.¹

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7 ¹**[2.] 3.**¹ The State Treasurer and the Commissioner of Human
8 Services, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,
9 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations
10 necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

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12 ¹**[3.] 4.**¹ This act shall take effect immediately.