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**SENATE, No. 3610**

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# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

## **221st LEGISLATURE**

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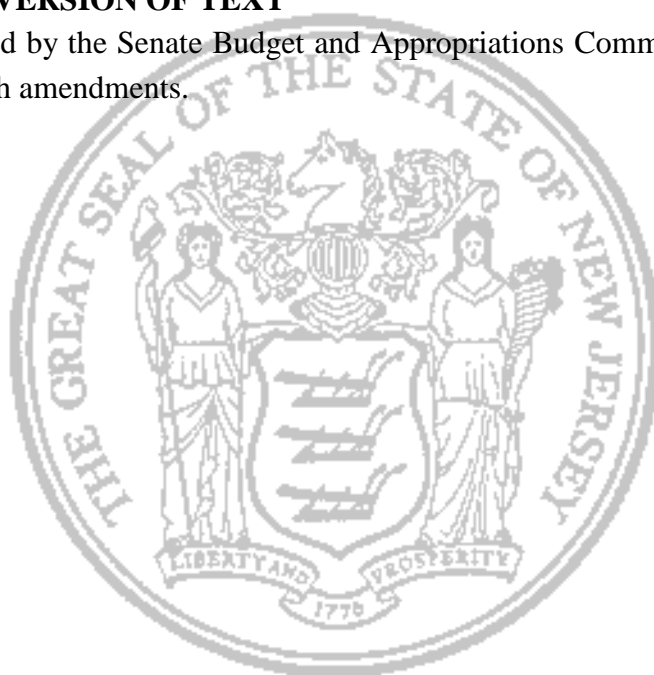
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**SYNOPSIS**

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 <sup>1</sup>and child care<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>and any program that  
 18 utilizes Medicaid funds including, but not limited to, school-based  
 19 health services reimbursed by Medicaid<sup>1</sup> ; 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 <sup>1</sup>2. 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:

<sup>1</sup>Senate 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.<sup>1</sup>  
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7       <sup>1</sup>**[2.] 3.**<sup>1</sup> 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       <sup>1</sup>**[3.] 4.**<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.