

# SENATE, No. 4171

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes “Guaranteed Income Pilot Program” in DOLWD for residents of certain cities.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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

1 AN ACT establishing a “Guaranteed Income Pilot Program” for  
2 residents of certain cities.

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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. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce  
8 Development shall establish a “Guaranteed Income Pilot Program”  
9 to study the effect of unconditional disbursement of funds on  
10 individual spending habits and on the economic circumstances in the  
11 municipality in which the individual resides. The pilot program shall  
12 operate for a period of two years.

13 b. The program shall select at random 500 residents of each city  
14 as participants, provided that no participant shall have reported an  
15 annual household income of greater than \$80,000 in the previous  
16 year. There may not be more than one selected individual in a  
17 household. No other criteria shall be necessary for receipt of the  
18 funds provided by the pilot program.

19 c. The pilot program shall provide its recipients with \$500 per  
20 month for eighteen months.

21 d. The pilot program shall be established in the cities of  
22 Paterson, Passaic City, Jersey City, Plainfield, Newark, Trenton, and  
23 Camden.

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25 2. The Department of the Treasury, in consultation with the  
26 Department of Labor and Workforce Development, shall study  
27 economic data from the cities affected by the pilot program, and  
28 collect voluntary survey data from the participants in the pilot  
29 program regarding their spending habits and personal financial  
30 situation, as well as any other data or information relevant to the pilot  
31 program that they see fit to gather, and shall submit a report with  
32 findings and recommendations to the Governor and to the  
33 Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1),  
34 no later than the first day of the tenth month following the conclusion  
35 of the two-year pilot program.

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37 3. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations in  
38 accordance with the “Administrative Procedures Act,”  
39 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to effectuate the provisions of  
40 this act.

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42 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month  
43 next following the date of enactment, but the Commissioner of Labor  
44 and Workforce Development may take such anticipatory  
45 administrative action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for the  
46 implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

This bill establishes a “Guaranteed Income Pilot Program” in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. This pilot program is to study the effect of unconditional disbursement of funds on individual spending habits and on the economic status of the municipality in which the individual resides. The pilot program shall operate for a period of two years. It shall provide its recipients with \$500 per month for eighteen months.

The pilot program shall be established in the cities of Paterson, Passaic City, Jersey City, Plainfield, Newark, Trenton, and Camden. The program shall select at random 500 residents of each city as participants, provided that no participant shall have reported an annual household income of greater than \$80,000 in the previous year, and provided that there is not more than one selected individual per household. No other criteria shall be necessary for receipt of the funds provided by the pilot program.

The Department of the Treasury, in consultation with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, shall study economic data from the cities affected by the pilot program, and collect voluntary survey data from the participants in the pilot program regarding their spending habits and personal financial situation, as well as any other data or information relevant to the pilot program that they see fit to gather, and shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Governor and to the Legislature no later than the first day of the tenth month following the conclusion of the two-year pilot program.