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P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 334, *approved January 16, 2024*
Assembly, No. 5582 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT creating YouthBuild programs, supplementing Title 34 of
2 the Revised Statutes, and making an appropriation.

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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. This act shall be known and may be cited as ¹the¹ “¹【The】¹
8 New Jersey YouthBuild Act.”

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10 2. The purpose of the “¹【The】¹ New Jersey YouthBuild Act”
11 shall be to:

12 a. Enable economically disadvantaged youth, especially youth
13 who have not finished high school, to obtain the education, job
14 skills training, personal counseling, leadership development skills
15 training, job placement assistance, and long-term follow-up leading
16 to economic self-sufficiency;

17 b. Provide communities the opportunity to establish or rebuild
18 neighborhood stability in economically depressed and low-income
19 areas, as well as historic areas requiring restoration or preservation,
20 while providing economically disadvantaged youth and youth who
21 have not finished high school an opportunity for meaningful
22 participation in society;

23 c. Allow communities to maintain and expand the supply of
24 affordable housing for homeless and other low-income individuals
25 by utilizing the energies and talents of economically disadvantaged
26 youth and young people who have not graduated from high school;
27 and

28 d. Foster the development of leadership skills and a
29 commitment to community development among youth.

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31 3. As used in this act:

32 "Applicant" means a public or private not-for-profit agency
33 eligible to provide education and employment training under federal
34 or State employment training programs.

35 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of
36 Labor and Workforce Development.

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:

¹Assembly ALA committee amendments adopted December 14, 2023.

²Senate SBA committee amendments adopted January 4, 2024.

1 “Department” means the Department of Labor and Workforce
2 Development.

3 “Eligible entity” means a public or private nonprofit agency or
4 organization, including a consortium of public or private nonprofit
5 agencies or organizations, including but not limited to:

6 (1) a community-based organization;

7 (2) a faith-based organization;

8 (3) an entity carrying out activities under this act, such as a local
9 board;

10 (4) a community action agency;

11 (5) a State or local housing development agency;

12 (6) an Indian tribe or other agency primarily serving Indians;

13 (7) a community development corporation;

14 (8) a State or local youth service or conservation corps; and

15 (9) any other entity eligible to provide education or employment
16 training under a federal program (other than the program carried out
17 under this section).

18 “YouthBuild” means the program established by this act that
19 provides disadvantaged youth with opportunities for comprehensive
20 education, employment, leadership development, and training in the
21 construction or rehabilitation of housing for special needs
22 populations, very low-income households and low-income
23 households.

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25 4. a. The commissioner shall, subject to appropriation, make
26 grants to applicants for the purpose of carrying out ¹**[Youthbuild]**
27 YouthBuild¹ programs as approved under this section. All
28 programs funded pursuant to the provisions of this section shall
29 reflect strong youth and community involvement. In addition,
30 funding provided under this section shall be used by each
31 ¹**[Youthbuild]** YouthBuild¹ program to provide, at a minimum, the
32 following services:

33 (1) integrated education and job skills training services and
34 activities which are evenly divided within the program, with 50
35 percent of students’ time spent in classroom-based instruction,
36 counseling, and leadership development instruction and 50 percent
37 of their time spent in service learning experiences at construction
38 sites. The programs shall include, at a minimum, the following
39 elements:

40 (a) an education component which includes basic skills
41 instruction, secondary education services, and other activities
42 designed to lead to the attainment of a high school diploma or its
43 equivalent. The curriculum for this component shall include math,
44 language arts, vocational education, life skills training, social
45 studies related to the cultural and community history of the
46 students, leadership skills, and other topics at the discretion of the
47 programs;

1 (b) a vocational learning experience and skills training
2 component apprenticeship program that includes the construction
3 and rehabilitation activities described in paragraph (4) of this
4 subsection. The process of construction shall be tied with skills
5 training and with close on-site supervision by experienced trainers.
6 The curriculum for this component shall contain a set of locally
7 agreed upon skills and competencies that are systematically taught,
8 with a student's mastery assessed individually on a regular, ongoing
9 basis. Safety skills shall be taught at the outset. The vocational
10 learning experience and skills training component shall be
11 coordinated to the maximum extent feasible with pre-apprenticeship
12 and apprenticeship programs. In order to receive grant funding,
13 programs shall offer vocational learning experiences that conclude
14 with the administration of assessments to obtain an industry-valued
15 credential, per the list provided by the Department of Labor and
16 Workforce Development; and

17 (c) assistance in attaining post-secondary education and
18 required financial aid to be made available to participants prior to
19 graduation;

20 (2) counseling services designed to assist participants to
21 positively participate in society, which should include all of the
22 following if necessary: outreach, assessment, and orientation;
23 individual and peer counseling; life skills training, drug and alcohol
24 abuse education and prevention; and referral to appropriate drug
25 rehabilitation, medical, mental health, legal, housing, and other
26 services and resources in the community;

27 (3) leadership development training that provides participants
28 with meaningful opportunities to develop leadership skills such as
29 decision making, problem solving, and negotiating. The program
30 shall also encourage participants to develop strong peer group ties
31 that support their mutual pursuit of skills and values. All programs
32 shall establish a youth council in which participants are afforded
33 opportunities to develop public speaking and negotiating skills, and
34 management and policy-making participation in specific aspects of
35 the program; and

36 (4) assistance with the acquisition, rehabilitation, acquisition
37 and rehabilitation, or construction of housing and related facilities
38 which will serve as the vocational training sites and then to be used
39 for the purpose of providing home ownership for disadvantaged
40 persons, residential housing for homeless individuals, and low-
41 income and very low-income families, or transitional housing for
42 persons who are homeless, have disabilities, are ill, are de-
43 institutionalized, or have special needs and rehabilitation or
44 construction of community facilities owned by not-for-profit or
45 public agencies.

46 b. A YouthBuild program shall provide a stipend to
47 participants to cover the costs associated with their fulltime
48 participation in the program. The stipend shall not be considered as

1 income in determining eligibility for other State or federal
2 assistance programs. Stipends may be distributed in a manner that
3 offers incentives for good performance.

4 c. Full-time participation in a YouthBuild program shall be
5 offered for a period of not less than six months and not more than
6 24 months.

7 d. A concentrated effort shall be made to find jobs for all
8 graduates of the program who have performed well. The skills
9 training curriculum shall provide participants with basic preparation
10 for seeking and maintaining a job. Follow-up counseling and
11 assistance in job-seeking shall also be provided to participants for
12 the 12 months following graduation from the program.

13 e. All programs serving 20 trainees or more are required to
14 have a full-time director responsible for the coordination of all
15 aspects of the YouthBuild program.

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17 5. a. Eligible participants in a YouthBuild program shall be
18 youth, 16 to 24 years old, who are economically disadvantaged as
19 defined in 29 U.S.C. s.1503, and who are part of one of at least one
20 of the following groups:

21 (1) persons who are not attending any school and not received a
22 secondary school diploma or its equivalent;

23 (2) persons currently enrolled in a traditional or alternative
24 school setting or a high school equivalency testing program and
25 who are in danger of dropping out of school; or

26 (3) a member of a low-income family, a youth in foster care
27 (including a youth aging-out of foster care), a youth offender, a
28 youth with a disability, a child or incarcerated parents, or a migrant
29 youth.

30 b. Not more than 25 percent of participants in the program may
31 be individuals who do not meet the requirements of paragraphs (1)
32 or (2) of subsection a. of this section, but who are deficient in basic
33 skills despite having attained a secondary school diploma, high
34 school equivalency certificate, or other State-recognized equivalent,
35 or who have been referred by a local secondary school for
36 participation in a YouthBuild program leading to the attainment of a
37 secondary school diploma.

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39 6. Eligible entities to be awarded funds under this act are not-
40 for-profit private agencies with experience operating a YouthBuild
41 program or entities that have received a federal Housing and Urban
42 Development (HUD) YouthBuild grant or have experience in
43 serving this population and have plans to incubate a YouthBuild
44 program. Priority in the awarding of funds under this act shall be
45 given to applicants with experience in operating YouthBuild
46 programs or organizations that have received HUD YouthBuild
47 funding. Only not-for-profit private agencies that are affiliates of

1 YouthBuild USA or have received a federal HUD YouthBuild grant
2 shall be eligible to use the term YouthBuild.

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4 7. The commissioner shall require that an application for
5 YouthBuild funds under this act contain at a minimum:

6 a. A request for an implementation grant, specifying the
7 amount of the grant requested and its proposed uses;

8 b. A description of the applicant and a statement of its
9 qualifications, including a description of the applicant's past
10 experience running a YouthBuild program, and with housing
11 rehabilitation or construction and with youth and youth education,
12 youth leadership development and employment training programs
13 and other relevant community organizations;

14 c. A description of the educational and job training activities,
15 work opportunities, and other services that will be provided to
16 participants;

17 d. A description of the proposed construction or rehabilitation
18 activities to be undertaken and the anticipated schedule for carrying
19 out those activities;

20 e. A description of the manner in which eligible youths will be
21 recruited and selected, including a description of the arrangements
22 which will be made with community-based organizations, local
23 educational agencies, public assistance agencies, the courts of
24 jurisdiction for status and youth offenders, shelters for homeless
25 individuals and other agencies that serve homeless youth, foster
26 care agencies, and other appropriate public and private agencies;

27 f. A description of the special efforts that will be undertaken to
28 recruit eligible young women (including young women with
29 dependent children) with plans for addressing appropriate supports
30 they may need, especially childcare;

31 g. A description of how the proposed program will be
32 coordinated with other youthserving agencies in the service area;

33 h. Assurances that there will be a sufficient number of
34 adequately trained supervisory personnel in the program who have
35 attained the level of journeyman or its equivalent;

36 i. A description of the applicant's relationship with any local
37 building trade unions, which may exist, regarding their involvement
38 in training, and the relationship of the YouthBuild program with
39 established apprenticeship programs;

40 j. A description of activities that will be undertaken to develop
41 the leadership skills of participants, including their role in decision
42 making;

43 k. A detailed budget and a description of the system of fiscal
44 controls and auditing and accountability procedures that will be
45 used to ensure fiscal soundness;

46 l. A description of any contracts and arrangements entered into
47 between the applicant and other agencies and entities including all

1 in-kind donations and grants from both public and private entities
2 that will serve to augment State YouthBuild funds;

3 m. The qualifications and past experience of the person who
4 will fill the full-time program director position; and

5 n. Other information or factors as deemed necessary by the
6 commissioner.

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8 8. a. An applicant selected for funding under this act shall
9 provide to the department information on program and participant
10 outcomes, including but not limited to: attendance, retention, GED
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13 accomplishments.

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15 reports to the Governor and the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of
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17 programs funded under this act. The department shall prepare and
18 submit a final evaluation report to the Governor and the Legislature,
19 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), on
20 individual programs at the times of program completion. The final
21 evaluation report shall include, but not be limited to, information on
22 the effectiveness of the program, the status of program participants
23 and recommendations on program administration at the State and
24 local level. The Department shall submit the first evaluation report
25 by July 1, 2024, and subsequent annual reports by July 1 of each
26 year thereafter.

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28 ²[9. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
29 Department of Labor and Workforce Development ¹funds¹ from
30 the federal “CARES Act,” Pub.L. 116-136, and the “American
31 Rescue Plan Act of 2021,” Pub.L. 117-2, provided to this State and
32 which may be available for the purposes of this act, federal block
33 grants, or other available federal funding sources sufficient¹ to
34 effectuate the provisions of this act¹:

- 35 a. \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;
36 b. \$4,400,000 for fiscal year 2025;
37 c. \$4,900,000 for fiscal year 2026;
38 d. \$5,400,000 for fiscal year 2027; and
39 e. \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2028¹.]²

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41 ²9. Subject to the availability of federal funds provided or made
42 accessible to the State via federal block grant funds allocated to the
43 State from the federal “CARES Act,” Pub.L. 116-136, the “American
44 Rescue Plan Act of 2021,” Pub.L. 117-2, or other federal funding
45 sources, an amount determined by the Commissioner of Labor and
46 Workforce Development, not to exceed \$4.5 million, shall be made
47 available to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to

1 effectuate the purposes of this act, subject to the approval of the
2 Director of Budget and Accounting in the Office of Management and
3 Budget.²

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5 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

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10 Establishes grant program for NJ YouthBuild programs through
11 DOLWD; makes appropriation.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5582

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 8, 2023

Sponsored by:

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District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblyman ERIK K. SIMONSEN

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

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Assemblymen Sampson and McClellan

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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38 Development.

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17 youth.

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 - 20 h. Assurances that there will be a sufficient number of
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8 evaluation report shall include, but not be limited to, information on
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10 and recommendations on program administration at the State and
11 local level. The Department shall submit the first evaluation report
12 by July 1, 2024, and subsequent annual reports by July 1 of each
13 year thereafter.

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15 9. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
16 Department of Labor and Workforce Development to effectuate the
17 provisions of this act:

- 18 a. \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;
19 b. \$4,400,000 for fiscal year 2025;
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22 e. \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2028.

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24 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill allows for the Department of Labor and Workforce
30 Development to establish a grant program for YouthBuild programs
31 throughout New Jersey. YouthBuild is a community-based pre-
32 apprenticeship program that provides job training and educational
33 opportunities for at-risk youth ages 16-24 through the United States
34 Department of Labor. The bill would expand YouthBuild programs
35 in the State by establishing a State program with funding that would
36 work in coordination with the federal program.

37 In order for a YouthBuild program to be eligible to receive this
38 grant funding, several program requirements must be met: (1)
39 serving economically disadvantaged young people ages 16 to 24
40 who have not received a secondary school diploma or its equivalent;
41 (2) offering integrated education and job skills training services and
42 activities which are evenly divided within the program, with 50
43 percent of students' time spent in classroom-based instruction,
44 counseling, and leadership development instruction and 50 percent
45 of their time spent in service learning experiences at job sites; (3)
46 curriculum culminating in an industry recognized credential, with
47 the YouthBuild program being the entity administering the
48 examination; (4) providing stipends to youth participants to cover

1 the costs associated with their full time participation in this
2 program.

3 Only not-for-profit private agencies that are affiliates of
4 YouthBuild USA or have received a federal Housing and Urban
5 Development YouthBuild award are eligible to use the term
6 YouthBuild and apply for this funding. The Commissioner of Labor
7 and Workforce Development will require all programs eligible to
8 receive YouthBuild grant funding to meet the specific application
9 requirements outlined in this bill. YouthBuild programs selected
10 for funding under the bill will be required to report outcomes to the
11 Department of Labor and Workforce Development, which will be
12 publicly available. The department will also complete an initial
13 evaluation report on the progress of individual programs funded
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ASSEMBLY LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5582

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2023

The Assembly Labor Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 5582.

As amended, this bill allows for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to establish a grant program for YouthBuild programs throughout New Jersey. YouthBuild is a community-based pre-apprenticeship program that provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth ages 16 to 24 through the United States Department of Labor. The bill would expand YouthBuild programs in the State by establishing a State program with funding that would work in coordination with the federal program.

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As amended, the bill will be funded by available federal resources.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to eliminate the State appropriations in the bill and require that the bill be funded by available federal resources, and make technical corrections.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 5582

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 4, 2024

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 5582 (1R).

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evaluation report on the progress of individual programs funded under the bill; this report will be available to the Governor and appropriate legislative committees.

The bill will be funded by available federal resources, not to exceed \$4.5 million in federal funds provided or made available to the State.

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As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 5582 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3781 (1R), which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

This amendment provides that, subject to the availability of certain federal funds, an amount determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, not to exceed \$4.5 million, will be made available to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to effectuate the purposes of the bill, subject to the approval of the Director of Budget and Accounting in the Office of Management and Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that this bill would result in an indeterminate annual State expenditure increase for a grant program for YouthBuild programs throughout New Jersey, to be funded by available federal funding sources.

The bill caps the total amount of the funding at \$4.5 million. The duration of the grant program and the fiscal years in which the expenditures will occur are indeterminate.

The OLS notes that the YouthBuild programs currently rely on periodic federal grants to maintain their projects.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 5582

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 26, 2023

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Establishes grant program for NJ YouthBuild programs through DOLWD; makes appropriation.
- Type of Impact:** Annual State expenditure increase.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Annual</u>
State Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate

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The bill requires the appropriation to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development of funds from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, federal block grants, or other available federal funding sources to implement the provisions of the bill.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Section: Commerce, Labor and Industry
Analyst: John Gaudio
Assistant Fiscal Analyst
Approved: Thomas Koenig
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 5582

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 11, 2024

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Establishes grant program for NJ YouthBuild programs through DOLWD; makes appropriation.
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Office of Legislative Services Estimate

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The bill provides that, subject to the availability of federal funds provided or made accessible to the State via federal block grant funds allocated to the State from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, or other federal funding sources, an amount determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, not to exceed \$4.5 million, is to be made available to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to effectuate the purposes of the bill, subject to the approval of the Director of Budget and Accounting in the Office of Management and Budget.

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SENATE, No. 3781

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 8, 2023

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH A. LAGANA

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Senator JOSEPH P. CRYAN

District 20 (Union)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes grant program for NJ YouthBuild programs through DOLWD; makes appropriation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/27/2023)

1 AN ACT creating YouthBuild programs, supplementing Title 34 of
2 the Revised Statutes, and making an appropriation.

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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. This act shall be known and may be cited as “The New Jersey
8 YouthBuild Act.”

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10 2. The purpose of the “The New Jersey YouthBuild Act” shall
11 be to:

12 a. Enable economically disadvantaged youth, especially youth
13 who have not finished high school, to obtain the education, job skills
14 training, personal counseling, leadership development skills training,
15 job placement assistance, and long-term follow-up leading to
16 economic self-sufficiency;

17 b. Provide communities the opportunity to establish or rebuild
18 neighborhood stability in economically depressed and low-income
19 areas, as well as historic areas requiring restoration or preservation,
20 while providing economically disadvantaged youth and youth who
21 have not finished high school an opportunity for meaningful
22 participation in society;

23 c. Allow communities to maintain and expand the supply of
24 affordable housing for homeless and other low-income individuals
25 by utilizing the energies and talents of economically disadvantaged
26 youth and young people who have not graduated from high school;
27 and

28 d. Foster the development of leadership skills and a commitment
29 to community development among youth.

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31 3. As used in this act:

32 "Applicant" means a public or private not-for-profit agency
33 eligible to provide education and employment training under federal
34 or State employment training programs.

35 “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the Department of
36 Labor and Workforce Development.

37 “Department” means the Department of Labor and Workforce
38 Development.

39 “Eligible entity” means a public or private nonprofit agency or
40 organization, including a consortium of public or private nonprofit
41 agencies or organizations, including but not limited to:

42 (1) a community-based organization;

43 (2) a faith-based organization;

44 (3) an entity carrying out activities under this act, such as a local
45 board;

46 (4) a community action agency;

47 (5) a State or local housing development agency;

48 (6) an Indian tribe or other agency primarily serving Indians;

- 1 (7) a community development corporation;
- 2 (8) a State or local youth service or conservation corps; and
- 3 (9) any other entity eligible to provide education or employment
- 4 training under a federal program (other than the program carried out
- 5 under this section).

6 "YouthBuild" means the program established by this act that
7 provides disadvantaged youth with opportunities for comprehensive
8 education, employment, leadership development, and training in the
9 construction or rehabilitation of housing for special needs
10 populations, very low-income households and low-income
11 households.

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13 4. a. The commissioner shall, subject to appropriation, make
14 grants to applicants for the purpose of carrying out Youthbuild
15 programs as approved under this section. All programs funded
16 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall reflect strong youth
17 and community involvement. In addition, funding provided under
18 this section shall be used by each Youthbuild program to provide, at
19 a minimum, the following services:

20 (1) integrated education and job skills training services and
21 activities which are evenly divided within the program, with 50
22 percent of students' time spent in classroom-based instruction,
23 counseling, and leadership development instruction and 50 percent
24 of their time spent in service learning experiences at construction
25 sites. The programs shall include, at a minimum, the following
26 elements:

27 (a) an education component which includes basic skills
28 instruction, secondary education services, and other activities
29 designed to lead to the attainment of a high school diploma or its
30 equivalent. The curriculum for this component shall include math,
31 language arts, vocational education, life skills training, social studies
32 related to the cultural and community history of the students,
33 leadership skills, and other topics at the discretion of the programs;

34 (b) a vocational learning experience and skills training
35 component apprenticeship program that includes the construction
36 and rehabilitation activities described in paragraph (4) of this
37 subsection. The process of construction shall be tied with skills
38 training and with close on-site supervision by experienced trainers.
39 The curriculum for this component shall contain a set of locally
40 agreed upon skills and competencies that are systematically taught,
41 with a student's mastery assessed individually on a regular, ongoing
42 basis. Safety skills shall be taught at the outset. The vocational
43 learning experience and skills training component shall be
44 coordinated to the maximum extent feasible with pre-apprenticeship
45 and apprenticeship programs. In order to receive grant funding,
46 programs shall offer vocational learning experiences that conclude
47 with the administration of assessments to obtain an industry-valued

- 1 credential, per the list provided by the Department of Labor and
2 Workforce Development; and
- 3 (c) assistance in attaining post-secondary education and required
4 financial aid to be made available to participants prior to graduation;
- 5 (2) counseling services designed to assist participants to
6 positively participate in society, which should include all of the
7 following if necessary: outreach, assessment, and orientation;
8 individual and peer counseling; life skills training, drug and alcohol
9 abuse education and prevention; and referral to appropriate drug
10 rehabilitation, medical, mental health, legal, housing, and other
11 services and resources in the community;
- 12 (3) leadership development training that provides participants
13 with meaningful opportunities to develop leadership skills such as
14 decision making, problem solving, and negotiating. The program
15 shall also encourage participants to develop strong peer group ties
16 that support their mutual pursuit of skills and values. All programs
17 shall establish a youth council in which participants are afforded
18 opportunities to develop public speaking and negotiating skills, and
19 management and policy-making participation in specific aspects of
20 the program; and
- 21 (4) assistance with the acquisition, rehabilitation, acquisition and
22 rehabilitation, or construction of housing and related facilities which
23 will serve as the vocational training sites and then to be used for the
24 purpose of providing home ownership for disadvantaged persons,
25 residential housing for homeless individuals, and low-income and
26 very low-income families, or transitional housing for persons who
27 are homeless, have disabilities, are ill, are de-institutionalized, or
28 have special needs and rehabilitation or construction of community
29 facilities owned by not-for-profit or public agencies.
- 30 b. A YouthBuild program shall provide a stipend to participants
31 to cover the costs associated with their full time participation in the
32 program. The stipend shall not be considered as income in
33 determining eligibility for other State or federal assistance programs.
34 Stipends may be distributed in a manner that offers incentives for
35 good performance.
- 36 c. Full-time participation in a YouthBuild program shall be
37 offered for a period of not less than six months and not more than 24
38 months.
- 39 d. A concentrated effort shall be made to find jobs for all
40 graduates of the program who have performed well. The skills
41 training curriculum shall provide participants with basic preparation
42 for seeking and maintaining a job. Follow-up counseling and
43 assistance in job-seeking shall also be provided to participants for the
44 12 months following graduation from the program.
- 45 e. All programs serving 20 trainees or more are required to have
46 a full-time director responsible for the coordination of all aspects of
47 the YouthBuild program.

1 5. a. Eligible participants in a YouthBuild program shall be
2 youth, 16 to 24 years old, who are economically disadvantaged as
3 defined in 29 U.S.C. s.1503, and who are part of one of at least one
4 of the following groups:

5 (1) persons who are not attending any school and not received a
6 secondary school diploma or its equivalent;

7 (2) persons currently enrolled in a traditional or alternative school
8 setting or a high school equivalency testing program and who are in
9 danger of dropping out of school; or

10 (3) a member of a low-income family, a youth in foster care
11 (including a youth aging-out of foster care), a youth offender, a youth
12 with a disability, a child or incarcerated parents, or a migrant youth.

13 b. Not more than 25 percent of participants in the program may
14 be individuals who do not meet the requirements of paragraphs (1) or
15 (2) of subsection a. of this section, but who are deficient in basic
16 skills despite having attained a secondary school diploma, high
17 school equivalency certificate, or other State-recognized equivalent,
18 or who have been referred by a local secondary school for
19 participation in a YouthBuild program leading to the attainment of a
20 secondary school diploma.

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22 6. Eligible entities to be awarded funds under this act are not-
23 for-profit private agencies with experience operating a YouthBuild
24 program or entities that have received a federal Housing and Urban
25 Development (HUD) YouthBuild grant or have experience in serving
26 this population and have plans to incubate a YouthBuild program.
27 Priority in the awarding of funds under this act shall be given to
28 applicants with experience in operating YouthBuild programs or
29 organizations that have received HUD YouthBuild funding. Only
30 not-for-profit private agencies that are affiliates of YouthBuild USA
31 or have received a federal HUD YouthBuild grant shall be eligible to
32 use the term YouthBuild.

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34 7. The commissioner shall require that an application for
35 YouthBuild funds under this act contain at a minimum:

36 a. A request for an implementation grant, specifying the amount
37 of the grant requested and its proposed uses;

38 b. A description of the applicant and a statement of its
39 qualifications, including a description of the applicant's past
40 experience running a YouthBuild program, and with housing
41 rehabilitation or construction and with youth and youth education,
42 youth leadership development and employment training programs
43 and other relevant community organizations;

44 c. A description of the educational and job training activities,
45 work opportunities, and other services that will be provided to
46 participants;

- 1 d. A description of the proposed construction or rehabilitation
2 activities to be undertaken and the anticipated schedule for carrying
3 out those activities;
 - 4 e. A description of the manner in which eligible youths will be
5 recruited and selected, including a description of the arrangements
6 which will be made with community-based organizations, local
7 educational agencies, public assistance agencies, the courts of
8 jurisdiction for status and youth offenders, shelters for homeless
9 individuals and other agencies that serve homeless youth, foster care
10 agencies, and other appropriate public and private agencies;
 - 11 f. A description of the special efforts that will be undertaken to
12 recruit eligible young women (including young women with
13 dependent children) with plans for addressing appropriate supports
14 they may need, especially childcare;
 - 15 g. A description of how the proposed program will be
16 coordinated with other youth serving agencies in the service area;
 - 17 h. Assurances that there will be a sufficient number of
18 adequately trained supervisory personnel in the program who have
19 attained the level of journeyman or its equivalent;
 - 20 i. A description of the applicant's relationship with any local
21 building trade unions, which may exist, regarding their involvement
22 in training, and the relationship of the YouthBuild program with
23 established apprenticeship programs;
 - 24 j. A description of activities that will be undertaken to develop
25 the leadership skills of participants, including their role in decision
26 making;
 - 27 k. A detailed budget and a description of the system of fiscal
28 controls and auditing and accountability procedures that will be used
29 to ensure fiscal soundness;
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31 between the applicant and other agencies and entities including all
32 in-kind donations and grants from both public and private entities
33 that will serve to augment State YouthBuild funds;
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35 fill the full-time program director position; and
 - 36 n. Other information or factors as deemed necessary by the
37 commissioner.
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42 attainment, high school diplomas issued, educational improvement
43 levels, placement, construction outcomes and community service
44 accomplishments.
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46 reports to the Governor and the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of
47 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1) on the progress of individual
48 programs funded under this act. The department shall prepare and

1 submit a final evaluation report to the Governor and the Legislature,
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5 the effectiveness of the program, the status of program participants
6 and recommendations on program administration at the State and
7 local level. The Department shall submit the first evaluation report
8 by July 1, 2024, and subsequent annual reports by July 1 of each year
9 thereafter.

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11 9. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
12 Department of Labor and Workforce Development to effectuate the
13 provisions of this act:

- 14 a. \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;
15 b. \$4,400,000 for fiscal year 2025;
16 c. \$4,900,000 for fiscal year 2026;
17 d. \$5,400,000 for fiscal year 2027; and
18 e. \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2028.

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20 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

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23 STATEMENT
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SENATE LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3781

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2023

The Senate Labor Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3781, with committee amendments.

As amended by the committee, this bill directs the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to establish a grant program for YouthBuild programs throughout New Jersey. YouthBuild is a community-based pre-apprenticeship program that provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth ages 16 to 24 through the United States Department of Labor. The bill would expand YouthBuild programs in the State by establishing a State program with funding that would work in coordination with the federal program.

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the bill; this report will be available to the Governor and the Legislature.

The purpose of this bill is to increase accessibility and sustainability of the evidence-based YouthBuild model. For more than 30 years, the YouthBuild model, through YouthBuild USA, has demonstrated positive outcomes for youth-supporting young people in earning their high school diploma, or equivalent, and acquiring the skills and credentials necessary to meet their postsecondary goals. Over the years, the number of YouthBuild programs throughout the State of New Jersey has fluctuated because the federal YouthBuild appropriation from the federal Department of Labor is not guaranteed. A Statewide YouthBuild appropriation would help ensure that opportunity youth throughout New Jersey are consistently served with an evidence-based model. It would promote the sustainability of currently operating YouthBuild programs and would also likely lead to an increase in YouthBuild programs throughout New Jersey.

The bill appropriates an unspecified amount from various federal sources.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments adopted by the committee delete the multiyear appropriation from the General Fund, ranging from \$4 million in FY 2024 to \$6 million in FY 2028, and instead appropriate an unspecified amount from federal sources. The amendments also makes technical corrections to the bill.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3781

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 4, 2024

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3781 (1R).

As amended, this bill allows for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to establish a grant program for YouthBuild programs throughout New Jersey. YouthBuild is a community-based pre-apprenticeship program that provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth ages 16 to 24 through the United States Department of Labor. The bill would expand YouthBuild programs in the State by establishing a State program with funding that would work in coordination with the federal program.

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the bill; this report will be available to the Governor and appropriate legislative committees.

The bill will be funded by available federal resources, not to exceed \$4.5 million in federal funds provided or made available to the State.

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As amended and reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 3781 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 5582 (1R), which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

This amendment provides that, subject to the availability of certain federal funds, an amount determined by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, not to exceed \$4.5 million, will be made available to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to effectuate the purposes of the bill, subject to the approval of the Director of Budget and Accounting in the Office of Management and Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that this bill would result in an indeterminate annual State expenditure increase for a grant program for YouthBuild programs throughout New Jersey, to be funded by available federal funding sources.

The bill caps the total amount of the funding at \$4.5 million. The duration of the grant program and the fiscal years in which the expenditures will occur are indeterminate.

The OLS notes that the YouthBuild programs currently rely on periodic federal grants to maintain their projects.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3781 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 28, 2023

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Establishes grant program for NJ YouthBuild programs through DOLWD; makes appropriation.
- Type of Impact:** Annual State expenditure increase.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Annual</u>
State Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate

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The bill requires the appropriation to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development of funds from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, federal block grants, or other available federal funding sources to implement the provisions of the bill.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Section: Commerce, Labor and Industry
Analyst: John Gaudio
Assistant Fiscal Analyst
Approved: Thomas Koenig
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3781

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 11, 2024

SUMMARY

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Office of Legislative Services Estimate

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Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/16/2024

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

SCS for S-281/ACS for A-3791 (Greenstein, Turner/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson) – w/STATEMENT - Concerns automatic fire sprinkler systems within newly constructed townhouses

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S-539wGR/A-2140 (Ruiz, Pou/Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Mosquera) - Permits online purchase of eligible foods using WIC funds and use of WIC funds for grocery delivery charges

S-659/A-2014 (Oroho, Greenstein/Conaway, Wirths, Umba) - “Manufacturing in Higher Education Act”; requires various State entities to promote manufacturing career pathways for students and provides assistance to manufacturing industry

S-1110/A-3936 (Polistina, Singleton/Guardian, Swift, McClellan) - Authorizes CRDA to finance transportation projects between Atlantic City Airport and Atlantic City Tourism District

S-1662/A-3526 (Ruiz, Codey/Lampitt, Benson, Saucikie) - Requires NJ Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council to prepare report regarding suicide prevention instruction in public schools

S-1680wGR/A-2257 (Pou, Ruiz/Murphy, Quijano, Wimberly) - Designates each community college in State as provider of allowable services under SNAP employment and training program

S-2076/ACS for A-3319 (Zwicker, Greenstein/McKnight, Lampitt) - Establishes “Twelfth Grade Postsecondary Transition Year Pilot Program” in Department of Education

S-2535wGR/A-4048 (Polistina, Pou/Benson, McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter) - Requires health benefits coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants

S-2841/A-4292 (Scutari, Bramnick/Carter) - Raises minimum amount of liability coverage for commercial motor vehicles and autocabs

SCS for S-3080/ACS for-398 (Ruiz, Burgess/Caputo, Giblin, Tucker) - Establishes position of Youth Disconnection Prevention and Recovery Ombudsperson; establishes “School Disconnection Prevention Task Force”; appropriates \$200,000

S-3102/A-4715 (Smith, Singleton/Stanley, Benson) - Establishes uptime requirement for electric vehicle charging station incentive programs

S-3176/A-4760 (Greenstein, Smith/Swain, Haider, Tully) - Requires DEP and Drinking Water Quality Institute to perform study concerning regulation and treatment of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances

SCS for S-3632 and 3649w/GR/ACS for A-1948 (Johnson, Cryan/Haider, Conaway, Quijano) - Requires labeling of non-flushable disposable wipes

S-3758/A-5343 (Cryan/Karabinchak) - Changes deadline for unaffiliated mail-in voters to declare their political party before primary election

S-3837/A-5438 (Pou, Cruz-Perez/Pintor Marin, Wimberly) - Clarifies process for administrative appropriations to UEZs

S-3897/A-5578 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Jasey, Carter, Reynolds-Jackson) - Authorizes Higher Education Student Assistance Authority to award annual summer tuition aid grants

S-4040/A-5881 (Polistina, Lagana/Tully, Guardian, Swift) - Concerns jurisdiction and operations of regional municipal courts

S-4084/A-5851 (Ruiz, Cruz-Perez/Moriarty, Calabrese, Moen) - Concerns temporary registration certificates and license plates

S-4130/A-5849 (Codey/Jasey, Tucker) - Special legislation to change name of “Township of South Orange Village” to “South Orange Village”; changes titles of certain municipal officials; permits nonpartisan municipal elections to be moved to November; permits stipend for governing body members

S-4206/A-5856 (Sarlo/Calabrese) - Changes number of signatures required on primary election petition to nominate certain municipal candidates in certain municipalities

S-4209/A-5879 (Sarlo/Pintor Marin) - Eliminates vote on school budgets for Type II school districts in April elections, except for separate proposals to spend above cap

S-4268/A-5911 (Scutari/Danielsen) - Permits certain special State officers to represent cannabis businesses

A-203/S-2884 (Rooney, Benson, Caputo/A.M. Bucco) - Authorizes creation of special license plates commemorating horse as State animal

A-1100/S-995 (Calabrese, Mukherji, McKnight/Ruiz, Stack) - Requires entities to remove abandoned lines and mark information on certain lines

A-1107/S-770 (Chaparro, Murphy, Mukherji/Pou, Beach) - Directs Chief Technology Officer to conduct study on impacts of redacting handwritten signatures published on State websites; allows for protocols for such redactions to be established by rules and regulations

ACS for A-1255/SS for S-1794 (Stanley, Conaway, Benson/Gopal, Singer) - Updates requirements and standards for authorization and prior authorization of health care services

A-1727/S-3300 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Stanfield, Ruiz) - Requires Attorney General to perform outreach and provide services to victims of human trafficking under certain circumstances

A-1729/S-3550 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson, McKnight/Greenstein, Ruiz) - Requires AG to address human trafficking in underserved communities

A-1755/S-2505 (McKeon, Calabrese, Conaway/Smith, Greenstein) - Requires installation of operational automatic rain sensor or smart sprinkler as condition of sale of certain real properties, and on certain commercial, retail, and industrial properties and common interest communities within specified timeframes

A-2146wGR/S-855 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Sumter/Singleton, Beach) - Creates State business assistance program to establish contracting agency procurement goals for socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprises

A-2581/S-2503 (Lampitt, Park/Beach) - Provides that certain cosmetology and hairstyling courses may be taught using distance learning technology

A-3142/S-1564 (Moen, Moriarty, Benson/Singleton, Corrado) - Authorizes grants to purchase and rehabilitate abandoned homes for homeless veterans

A-3211/S-2302 (Speight, Haider, Swain/Gopal, Ruiz) - Establishes “New Jersey Feminine Hygiene Products for the Homeless Act”

A-3980/S-2706 (Speight, McKnight, Atkins/Zwicker, Turner) - Grants child placed in resource family care and resource family parents the right to be notified when case manager or supervisor is assigned to child; grants child in resource family care right to be notified of certain property and benefits

A-4033wGR/S-2657 (Coughlin, Wimberly/Sarlo, Ruiz) - Extends deadline for completion of school district’s annual audit

A-4049/S-3495 (McKnight, Reynolds-Jackson, Benson/Vitale, Johnson) - Provides for presumptive eligibility for home and community-based services and services provided through program of all-inclusive care for the elderly under Medicaid

A-4105/S-4202 (Lopez, Jimenez, Quijano/Vitale, Turner) - Establishes Interagency Council on Homelessness

A-4183/S-4264 (Haider/Singleton) - Concerns local unit filing requirement for certain shared services agreements

A-4212/S-2762 (Pintor Marin, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Ruiz, Cunningham) - Establishes Center for Career Relevant Education and Talent Evaluation of New Jersey at Thomas Edison State University

A-4337/S-4156 (Conaway, Atkins, Rooney/Singleton, Pou) - Requires Department of Health to provide information to Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system regarding the location of safe disposal sites for hypodermic syringes and needles and prescription drugs

ACS for A-4496/SCS for S-3247 (Coughlin, Lampitt, Karabinchak, Wimberly/Zwicker, Greenstein) - Revises various provisions of law governing construction of school facilities projects and operations of New Jersey Schools Development Authority; establishes "Charter School and Renaissance School Project Facilities Loan Program" in EDA

A-4522/S-3234 (Moen, McKnight, Quijano/Singer, Singleton) - Requires certain disclosures by sellers of single-family homes with solar panels installed

A-4691/S-1530 (Swain, DeAngelo, Speight/Greenstein, Zwicker) - Requires hazard mitigation plans to include climate change-related threat assessments and hazard prevention and mitigation strategies

A-4723/S-2740 (McKeon, Moriarty, Rooney/Codey, Scutari) - Requires motor vehicle dealer to offer to delete personal information in motor vehicles in certain situations

A-4791/S-3184 (Kennedy, Haider, McKeon/Diegnan, Sarlo) - Establishes "Resiliency and Environmental System Investment Charge Program"

ACS for A-4794/S-3224 (Benson, Mukherji/Singleton, Turner) - Requires request for proposal to establish demonstration projects to develop electric vehicle charging depots serviced by distributed energy resource charging centers for certain electric vehicle use

A-4814/S-1023 (Moen, Wimberly/Singleton, Gopal) - Removes expected family contribution from calculation of financial need under circumstances in which public institutions of higher education may reduce student's institutional financial aid

ACS for A-4821 and 4823wGR/S-3283 (Karabinchak, Conaway, Schaer/Greenstein, Zwicker) - Directs DEP to take certain actions concerning identification and testing of microplastics in drinking water, and requires DEP and BPU to study and promote use of microplastics removal technologies

A-4955/S-3531 (S. Kean, Thomson/Singer, Gopal) - Designates portion of State Highway Route 71 as "John Tarantino Highway"

A-5094/S-3476 (Spearman/Beach, Greenstein) - Concerns licensing of security officer companies

A-5227/S-3662 (Danielsen, Space/Smith, Oroho) - Expands eligibility for "fishing buddy license" fee

A-5285/SCS for S-3708 (Greenwald, Haider, Lopez/Greenstein, A.M. Bucco) - Requires copies of certain law enforcement records to be provided to victims of domestic violence upon request

A-5293/S-3746 (Greenwald, McKnight, Rooney/Gopal, Ruiz) - Concerns New Jersey Civic Information Consortium

A-5311/S-3061 (Verrelli, McKnight, Matsikoudis/Stanfield, Turner) - Enters New Jersey into Counseling Compact

A-5391/S-3765 (DeAngelo/Diegnan, Corrado) - Imposes conditions on drivers approaching disabled vehicles

A-5412/S-3850 (Greenwald, Swain, Jasey/Gopal, Singer) - Establishes nonpublic school transportation program to provide funding to consortiums of nonpublic schools that will assume responsibility for mandated nonpublic school busing

A-5416wGR/S-3883 (Wimberly, Giblin, Haider/Greenstein, Turner) - Requires State Board of Education to authorize alternate route to expedite teacher certification of persons employed as paraprofessionals in school districts

A-5442/S-3793 (Karabinchak, Conaway, McKeon/Smith, Greenstein) - Directs BPU to conduct study to determine feasibility, marketability, and costs of implementing large-scale geothermal heat pump systems in State

A-5462/S-3867 (Coughlin, McKnight, Speight/Vitale, Turner) - Revises law establishing Office of Food Security Advocate, and establishes certain conditions for use of monies appropriated to emergency food organizations

ACS for A-5495/SCS for S-3846 (Danielsen/Scutari, A.M. Bucco) - Clarifies types of firearms allowed to be carried or transported while hunting

A-5516/S-4047 (Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli, Conaway/Burgess, Turner) - Requires certain health care professionals to undergo bias training

A-5565/S-3971 (S. Kean, Thomson/Gopal) - Provides that 10-year term does not apply to lease of certain municipal properties unless they are waterfront properties or related to waterfront concessions

A-5567/S-3807 (Torrissi, Calabrese/A.M. Bucco, Sarlo) - Extends period of usefulness of fire engines for bonding purposes from 10 to 20 years; eliminates exclusion of passenger cars and station wagons

A-5582/S-3781 (Swain, Simonsen/Lagana, Cryan) - Establishes grant program for NJ YouthBuild programs through DOLWD; makes appropriation

A-5610wGR/S-3954 (Greenwald, Spearman, Chaparro/Beach, A.M. Bucco) - Revises penalties for possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons

A-5748/S-4166 (Spearman, Moen, Moriarty/Cruz-Perez, Madden) - Amends definition of "participating county" under County Option Hospital Fee Program

A-5755/S-4183 (Carter, Sumter, Wimberly, Quijano/Scutari, Singleton) - Enhances notice requirements and occupancy restrictions for hotels and multiple dwellings following determination of potentially hazardous condition

A-5799/S-1472 (Moen, Moriarty/Beach, Stack) - Authorizes DOT to establish and administer toll collection and enforcement system on behalf of NJ toll authorities and to enter into reciprocal agreements for enforcement of toll violations with toll authorities from other states

A-5806/S-4165 (Moriarty, Sauickie/Greenstein, Oroho) - Appropriates \$48 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and Green Acres Program administrative costs

A-5807/S-4138 (Freiman/Johnson, Schepisi) - Appropriates \$58 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

A-5808/S-4135 (Park, Freiman, Lopez/Beach, Turner) - Appropriates \$15,564,293 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

A-5809/S-4097 (Swain, Lopez, Sauickie/Zwicker, Gopal) - Amends lists of projects eligible to receive loans for environmental infrastructure projects from NJ Infrastructure Bank for FY 2024

A-5810/S-4098 (Sampson, Sauickie, Lopez/Greenstein, Stanfield) - Amends lists of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding by DEP under FY 2024 environmental infrastructure funding program

A-5828/S-4201 (Lopez/Vitale) - Authorizes State Treasurer to sell as surplus certain real property and improvements in Township of Woodbridge in Middlesex County

A-5835/S-4134 (Greenwald, Lampitt/Beach, Turner) - Authorizes regional authority to develop and operate regional rehabilitation and reentry center

A-5836/S-4212 (DeAngelo, Sumter, Wimberly/Gopal, Greenstein) - Makes supplemental appropriation of \$650,000 to New Jersey Division of State Police for trooper recruitment and retention

A-5910/S-4266 (Egan/Codey) - Increases annual salary of certain public employees and officers

AJR-200/SJR-138 (Park, Freiman, Calabrese/Lagana) - Designates November 22 of each year as Kimchi Day

Governor Murphy pocket vetoed the following bills:

S-2989/A-1739 (Pou, Singer/McKeon, Quijano, Flynn) - Makes certain for-profit debt adjusters eligible for licensing to conduct business in State

S-3172/A-4689 (Gopal, Turner/Lampitt, Matsikoudis, McKnight) - Establishes teacher certification route for candidates with Montessori teaching credentials

- S-3287/ACS for A-4852 and 1170 (Turner/Reynolds-Jackson, Jasey, Dunn, Wimberly, Calabrese, Spearman, Verrilli)** - Requires institutions of higher education to maintain supply and develop policy governing use of naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray for opioid overdose emergencies
- A-1476/S-930 (Benson, Dancer/Holzapfel, Diegnan)** - Exempts certain motor vehicles that are owned by certain nutrition programs and certain nonprofit organizations that offer social services from motor vehicle registration fees
- A-3642/S-665 (Wirhths, Murphy, Benson, Oroho/Greenstein)** - Requires MVC to place designation on motor vehicle's registration information indicating registrant is deaf
- A-3945/S-1660 (Quijano, Reynolds-Jackson, Carter/Ruiz, Singleton)** - Establishes "Male Teachers of Color Mentorship Pilot Program"; appropriates \$95,000
- A-4177/S-2478 (Mosquera, Swain, McKnight, Tucker, Dunn/Ruiz, Vitale)** - Extends duration of law requiring certain provider subsidy payments for child care services be based on enrollment
- A-4396/S-2927 (Lampitt, Jasey, Caputo/Codey)** - Establishes timelines for review and approval by Commissioner of Education of annual certified audits submitted by approved private schools for students with disabilities
- A-4621/S-3156 (Mosquera, Greenwald, Swain/Madden)** - Requires issuance of report on certain information and data on processing of applications for professional and occupational licenses and mandates review of training and call intake in Division of Consumer Affairs.
- A-4740/S-2970 (Mukherji, DeAngelo, McKnight/Cruz-Perez, Turner)** - Provides employee access to employee's employment records on file with DOLWD
- A-5294/S-1825 (Greenwald, Swain, Rooney/Steinhardt, Sarlo, Doherty)** - Exempts sales of investment metal bullion and investment coins from sales and use tax
- A-5893/S-4228 (Karabinchak, Calabrese, Sauckie/Gopal, Sarlo)** - Extends annual horse racing purse subsidies through State fiscal year 2029