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P.L. 2024, CHAPTER 28, *approved June 28, 2024*
Assembly, No. 4708 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT ¹eliminating the statutory suspension required on the
2 collection of hotel and motel occupancy fees under certain
3 circumstances and amending P.L.2003, c.114¹ concerning
4 cultural projects and making an appropriation¹.

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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. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
10 Department of State \$5,000,000 for Cultural Projects, subject to the
11 approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and
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13 amended to read as follows:

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17 Fund, and shall be allocated as follows:

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22 Historical Commission for the purposes of subsection a. of section 3
23 of P.L.1999, c.131 (C.18A:73-22.3); \$9,000,000 shall be allocated
24 for appropriation to the Division of Travel and Tourism in the
25 Department of State for tourism advertising and promotion; and
26 \$500,000 shall be allocated for appropriation to the New Jersey
27 Cultural Trust; and

28 (2) of the fees collected for occupancies during State Fiscal
29 Year 2005 and thereafter: 22.68 percent shall be annually allocated
30 for appropriation to the New Jersey State Council on the Arts for
31 cultural projects, provided that of the fees collected for occupancies
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35 purposes of subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1999, c.131
36 (C.18A:73-22.3), provided that of the fees collected for occupancies
37 during State Fiscal Year 2021 and thereafter the amount allocated
38 shall not be less than \$5,500,000; 12.76 percent shall be allocated

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2 Department of State for tourism advertising and promotion,
3 provided that of the fees collected for occupancies during State
4 Fiscal Year 2021 and thereafter the amount allocated shall not be
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6 appropriation to the New Jersey Cultural Trust, provided that the
7 amount allocated shall not be less than \$720,000.

8 b. (1) In carrying out the provisions of section 1 of P.L.2003,
9 c.114 (C.54:32D-1) and this section, the director shall have all of
10 the powers and authority granted in P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et
11 seq.). The tax shall be filed and paid in a manner prescribed by the
12 Director of the Division of Taxation. The director shall promulgate
13 such rules and regulations as the director determines are necessary
14 to effectuate the provisions of section 1 of P.L.2003, c.114
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16 (2) Each person required to collect the hotel and motel
17 occupancy fee shall be personally liable for the fee imposed,
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23 occupancy or rent, as the case may be, and payable at the same
24 time; provided however, that the director shall be joined as a party
25 in any action or proceeding brought to collect the fee.

26 For purposes of this paragraph, "person" includes: an individual,
27 partnership, corporation, or an officer, director, stockholder, or
28 employee of a corporation, or a member or employee of a
29 partnership, who as such officer, director, stockholder, employee, or
30 member is under the duty to perform the act in respect of which the
31 violation occurs.

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34 shall be required to collect and pay on behalf of persons engaged in
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36 State the tax for transactions obtained through the transient space
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44 transient accommodation;

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46 accommodation;

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1 (5) The municipal transient accommodation registration number,
2 if applicable;

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11 advertisement or listing connected to such unit and the uniform
12 resource locator (URL) for each such listing or advertisement,
13 where applicable; and

14 (8) Such other information as the Division of Taxation may by
15 rule require.

16 The Division of Taxation may audit transient space marketplaces as
17 necessary to ensure data accuracy and enforce tax compliance.

18 c. The annual appropriations act for each State Fiscal Year,
19 commencing with fiscal year 2005, shall appropriate and distribute
20 during that fiscal year amounts not less than the amounts otherwise
21 specified for State Fiscal Year 2005 in paragraph (2) of subsection
22 a. of this section for the purposes specified in paragraph (2) of
23 subsection a. of this section.

24 d. **【If the provisions of subsection c. of this section are not met**
25 **on the effective date of an annual appropriations act for the State**
26 **fiscal year, or if an amendment or supplement to an annual**
27 **appropriations act for the State fiscal year should violate the**
28 **provisions of subsection c. of this section, the Director of the**
29 **Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the**
30 **Treasury shall, not later than five days after the enactment of the**
31 **annual appropriations act, or an amendment or supplement thereto,**
32 **that violates the provisions of subsection c. of this section, certify to**
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34 **subsection c. of this section have not been met.】** (Deleted by
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45 P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
46 (cf: P.L.2019, c.333, s.1)】¹

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6 Appropriates \$5 million to the Department of State for Cultural
7 Projects.

CHAPTER 28

AN ACT concerning cultural projects and making an appropriation.

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2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved June 28, 2024.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4708

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 26, 2024

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman LOUIS D. GREENWALD

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Assemblywoman ELIANA PINTOR MARIN

District 29 (Essex and Hudson)

Assemblyman BENJIE E. WIMBERLY

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Eliminates statutory suspension required on collection of hotel and motel occupancy fee if amounts set for annual appropriations of fee revenues for cultural projects are not met.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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37 STATEMENT

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[First Reprint]

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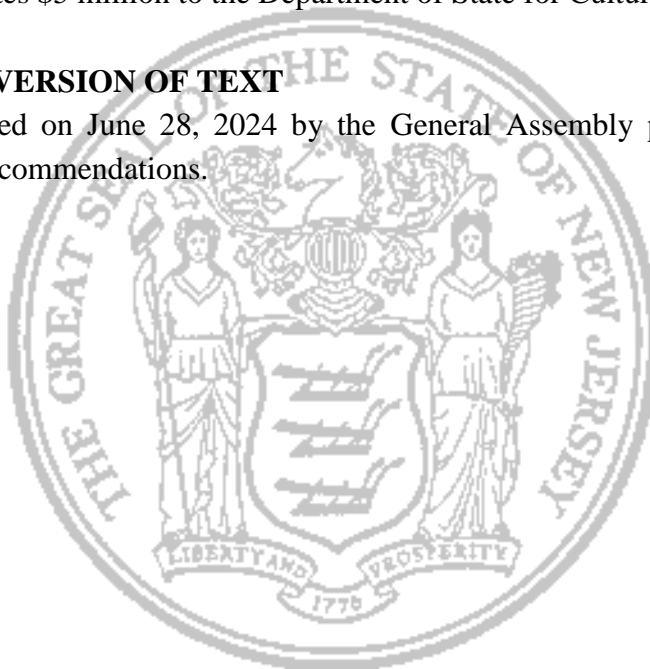
Assemblywomen Reynolds-Jackson and Speight

SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$5 million to the Department of State for Cultural Projects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended on June 28, 2024 by the General Assembly pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/28/2024)

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ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4708

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 26, 2024

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4708.

This bill eliminates the statutory suspension provision imposed on the collection of hotel and motel occupancy fees if amounts set forth in that provision setting an annual minimum level of appropriations of the fee revenues for cultural projects are not met. The bill eliminates the so-called “poison pill” provision which would require the Director of the Division of Taxation to no longer impose the fee payment or collection of the hotel and motel occupancy fee if an annual appropriations act does make the statutory minimum for cultural project appropriations from the fee revenue.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal information for this bill is currently unavailable.

SENATE, No. 3515

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 26, 2024

Sponsored by:

Senator NICHOLAS P. SCUTARI

District 22 (Somerset and Union)

SYNOPSIS

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15 Year 2004: \$16,000,000 shall be allocated for appropriation to the
16 New Jersey State Council on the Arts for cultural projects;
17 \$2,700,000 shall be allocated for appropriation to the New Jersey
18 Historical Commission for the purposes of subsection a. of section 3
19 of P.L.1999, c.131 (C.18A:73-22.3); \$9,000,000 shall be allocated
20 for appropriation to the Division of Travel and Tourism in the
21 Department of State for tourism advertising and promotion; and
22 \$500,000 shall be allocated for appropriation to the New Jersey
23 Cultural Trust; and

24 (2) of the fees collected for occupancies during State Fiscal
25 Year 2005 and thereafter: 22.68 percent shall be annually allocated
26 for appropriation to the New Jersey State Council on the Arts for
27 cultural projects, provided that of the fees collected for occupancies
28 during State Fiscal Year 2021 and thereafter the amount allocated
29 shall not be less than \$31,900,000; 3.84 percent shall be allocated
30 for appropriation to the New Jersey Historical Commission for the
31 purposes of subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1999, c.131
32 (C.18A:73-22.3), provided that of the fees collected for occupancies
33 during State Fiscal Year 2021 and thereafter the amount allocated
34 shall not be less than \$5,500,000; 12.76 percent shall be allocated
35 for appropriation to the Division of Travel and Tourism in the
36 Department of State for tourism advertising and promotion,
37 provided that of the fees collected for occupancies during State
38 Fiscal Year 2021 and thereafter the amount allocated shall not be
39 less than \$17,600,000; and .72 percent shall be allocated for
40 appropriation to the New Jersey Cultural Trust, provided that the
41 amount allocated shall not be less than \$720,000.

42 b. (1) In carrying out the provisions of section 1 of P.L.2003,
43 c.114 (C.54:32D-1) and this section, the director shall have all of
44 the powers and authority granted in P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et

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.

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1 seq.). The tax shall be filed and paid in a manner prescribed by the
2 Director of the Division of Taxation. The director shall promulgate
3 such rules and regulations as the director determines are necessary
4 to effectuate the provisions of section 1 of P.L.2003, c.114
5 (C.54:32D-1) and this section.

6 (2) Each person required to collect the hotel and motel
7 occupancy fee shall be personally liable for the fee imposed,
8 collected, or required to be paid, collected, or remitted under
9 section 1 of P.L.2003, c.114 (C.54:32D-1). Any such person shall
10 have the same right in respect to collecting the fee from that
11 person's customer or in respect to non-payment of the fee by the
12 customer as if the fee were a part of the purchase price of the
13 occupancy or rent, as the case may be, and payable at the same
14 time; provided however, that the director shall be joined as a party
15 in any action or proceeding brought to collect the fee.

16 For purposes of this paragraph, "person" includes: an individual,
17 partnership, corporation, or an officer, director, stockholder, or
18 employee of a corporation, or a member or employee of a
19 partnership, who as such officer, director, stockholder, employee, or
20 member is under the duty to perform the act in respect of which the
21 violation occurs.

22 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or
23 administrative action to the contrary, transient space marketplaces
24 shall be required to collect and pay on behalf of persons engaged in
25 the business of providing transient accommodations located in this
26 State the tax for transactions obtained through the transient space
27 marketplace. For not less than four years following the end of the
28 calendar year in which the transaction occurred, the transient space
29 marketplace shall maintain the following data for those transactions
30 consummated through the transient space marketplace:

31 (1) The name of the person who provided the transient
32 accommodation;

33 (2) The name of the customer who procured occupancy of the
34 transient accommodation;

35 (3) The address, including any unit designation, of the transient
36 accommodation;

37 (4) The dates and nightly rates for which the consumer procured
38 occupancy of the transient accommodation;

39 (5) The municipal transient accommodation registration number,
40 if applicable;

41 (6) A statement as to whether such booking services will be
42 provided in connection with (i) short-term rental of the entirety of
43 such unit, (ii) short-term rental of part of such unit, but not the
44 entirety of such unit, and/or (iii) short-term rental of the entirety of
45 such unit, or part thereof, in which a non-short-term occupant will
46 continue to occupy such unit for the duration of such short-term
47 rental;

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1 (7) The individualized name or number of each such
2 advertisement or listing connected to such unit and the uniform
3 resource locator (URL) for each such listing or advertisement,
4 where applicable; and

5 (8) Such other information as the Division of Taxation may by
6 rule require.

7 The Division of Taxation may audit transient space marketplaces as
8 necessary to ensure data accuracy and enforce tax compliance.

9 c. The annual appropriations act for each State Fiscal Year,
10 commencing with fiscal year 2005, shall appropriate and distribute
11 during that fiscal year amounts not less than the amounts otherwise
12 specified for State Fiscal Year 2005 in paragraph (2) of subsection
13 a. of this section for the purposes specified in paragraph (2) of
14 subsection a. of this section.

15 d. **【If the provisions of subsection c. of this section are not met**
16 **on the effective date of an annual appropriations act for the State**
17 **fiscal year, or if an amendment or supplement to an annual**
18 **appropriations act for the State fiscal year should violate the**
19 **provisions of subsection c. of this section, the Director of the**
20 **Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the**
21 **Treasury shall, not later than five days after the enactment of the**
22 **annual appropriations act, or an amendment or supplement thereto,**
23 **that violates the provisions of subsection c. of this section, certify to**
24 **the Director of the Division of Taxation that the requirements of**
25 **subsection c. of this section have not been met.】** (Deleted by
26 amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

27 e. **【The Director of the Division of Taxation shall, no later than**
28 **five days after certification by the Director of the Division of**
29 **Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury pursuant**
30 **to subsection d. of this section that the provisions of subsection c.**
31 **of this section have not been met or have been violated by an**
32 **amendment or supplement to the annual appropriations act, notify**
33 **each person required to collect tax of the certification and that the**
34 **fee imposed pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2003, c.114 (C.54:32D-1)**
35 **shall no longer be paid or collected.】** (Deleted by amendment,
36 P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
37 (cf: P.L.2019, c.333, s.1)

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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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42 STATEMENT
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44 This bill eliminates the statutory suspension provision imposed
45 on the collection of hotel and motel occupancy fees if amounts set
46 forth in that provision setting an annual minimum level of
47 appropriations of the fee revenues for cultural projects are not met.

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2 would require the Director of the Division of Taxation to no longer
3 impose the fee payment or collection of the hotel and motel
4 occupancy fee if an annual appropriations act does make the
5 statutory minimum for cultural project appropriations from the fee
6 revenue.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3515

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 26, 2024

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3515.

This bill eliminates the statutory suspension provision imposed on the collection of hotel and motel occupancy fees if amounts set forth in that provision setting an annual minimum level of appropriations of the fee revenues for cultural projects are not met. The bill eliminates the so-called “poison pill” provision which would require the Director of the Division of Taxation to no longer impose the fee payment or collection of the hotel and motel occupancy fee if an annual appropriations act does make the statutory minimum for cultural project appropriations from the fee revenue.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal information for this bill is not currently available.

June 28, 2024

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4708

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 4708 with my recommendations for reconsideration.

Assembly Bill No. 4708 would eliminate the statutory suspension provision that is imposed on the collection of hotel and motel occupancy fees. The statutory suspension provision, commonly known as a "poison pill," requires the Director of the Division of Taxation to no longer impose or collect the hotel and motel occupancy fee if the Legislature fails to appropriate funding for cultural projects, historical heritage programs, and tourism advertisement and promotion.

I am pleased to have reached a comprehensive deal with my partners in the Legislature concerning the State's spending plan for Fiscal Year 2025. After many months of hard work, we have crafted a budget that supports the State's spending needs for the fiscal year, provides record levels of direct and indirect property tax relief, delivers a full pension payment for a fourth straight year, establishes a dedicated funding stream to New Jersey Transit, and supports significant investments in the economy, workforce development, and public safety. We achieved all these things despite global economic uncertainty, high inflation, supply chain disruptions, and rising health care costs. In fulfilling our solemn duty to put forth a fiscally responsible spending plan for the upcoming year, my legislative partners and I were forced to make many hard choices to make New Jersey a more affordable place to live and raise a family. In the give and take of budget negotiations, a decision was made to decrease the appropriation for cultural projects by \$5 million from the amount recommended in my annual budget address given in February of this year.

Cultural projects contribute to the vibrancy of New Jersey's communities, serve as catalysts for broader economic development in our neighborhoods, and attract visitors and businesses to the State. Funding for cultural projects is used by the State Council on the Arts ("Council") to provide grants and services to art organizations and

artists in New Jersey whose projects show professional merit, promise, and positive public impact. The Council seeks and supports partnerships with various public and private entities to extend the reach of resources and ensure that policies and practices benefit and engage New Jersey's diverse constituencies. Upon further reflection and discussion with my legislative partners, we have decided that it is in the best interest of our State and its residents to restore funding for cultural projects to the amount recommended in my February budget proposal. I want to thank the Legislature for working cooperatively with my Administration on this issue.

Therefore, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 4708 and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 2, Title, Line 1: Delete "eliminating the statutory suspension required on the" and insert "concerning cultural projects and making an appropriation."

Page 2, Title, Lines 2-3: Delete in their entirety

Page 2, Section 1, Line 8: Delete "Section 2 of P.L.2003, c.114 (C.54:32D-2) is amended to read" and insert "There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of State \$5,000,000 for Cultural Projects, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting."

Page 2, Section 1, Lines 9-47: Delete in their entirety

Page 3, Section 1, Lines 1-48: Delete in their entirety

Page 4, Section 1, Lines 1-33: Delete in their entirety

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Respectfully,

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Parimal Garg

Chief Counsel to the Governor

Governor Murphy Signs Fiscal Year 2025 Budget into Law

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Budget Provides Significant Property Tax Relief, the Highest Level of School Funding in History, A Fourth Consecutive Full Pension Payment, and a New Dedicated Funding Stream for NJ TRANSIT

\$6.1 Billion Surplus to Help Weather Future Financial Challenges

TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy today signed the Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Act into law, building on the Administration’s commitment to making New Jersey the best place to raise a family by increasing affordability, creating new economic opportunities, promoting fiscal responsibility, and investing in a more equitable future for all New Jerseyans.

The \$56.7 billion Fiscal Year 2025 (FY2025) budget, approved by the Legislature earlier in the day, provides significant direct property tax relief for homeowners and renters, yields the highest level of school funding in history, delivers a fourth consecutive full pension payment, and creates a new, dedicated funding stream – the Corporate Transit Fee – to support NJ TRANSIT, among other investments that improve the health, safety, and economic well-being of New Jersey’s residents. In addition, the budget provides a \$6.1 billion surplus to help the State weather future financial challenges.

“With this budget, we are going to make life more affordable for more families. We are going to create new economic opportunities for our workers and local businesses. And we are going to invest in the potential of every one of our neighbors – from our students to our senior citizens,” **said Governor Phil Murphy**. “But above all, this is a budget that will put the needs of our families ahead of special interests, starting by providing yet another round of record-high tax relief to our state’s working- and middle-class families. In fact, nearly half of this entire budget – more than \$27 billion – will be dedicated toward providing direct and indirect property tax relief.”

“This budget is a recommitment to our administration’s promise to make New Jersey the best state in the nation to live, work, raise a family, and retire. With a focus on our state’s most essential needs – affordability, education, mass transit infrastructure, and more – we are continuing to prioritize everyday New Jerseyans,” **said Lt. Governor Tahesha Way**. “I commend Governor Murphy, Treasurer Muoio, legislative leadership, and all of those involved in getting this critical budget over the finish line for the advancement of our state.”

“This budget makes historic investments in schools, sustained property tax relief, health care, and transportation, all while maintaining our commitment to fiscal responsibility with a healthy surplus,” **said Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin**. “After decades of neglect, we have fully funded aid to local school districts to benefit students, teachers, and communities and will make a full pension payment for the fourth year in a row, ensuring a secure retirement for hundreds of thousands of New Jerseyans. ANCHOR is in its third year, now a benefit that homeowners and renters can count on annually to ease their burdens and make our state more affordable. This budget also delivers more support for Stay NJ so that next year, almost every senior homeowner in our state will be able to use a single, streamlined application for property tax relief to see their bills cut in half. New Jersey will be the best place in the country to find a

job, a home, and a vibrant future for a family, from pre-school to retirement.”

“This year's budget is a holistic plan that puts the well-being of our children and families first. We are making huge investments in education for our youngest and oldest students by continuing on the path toward universal pre-K, fully financing the school funding formula, launching a student literacy initiative, and investing in higher education,” **said Senate Majority Leader M. Teresa Ruiz**. “We are putting money towards vital mental and physical health programs that save lives. Expanding the Universal Newborn Home Nurse Visitation Program will give thousands more new mothers an invaluable resource that will help improve maternal and infant health outcomes. Funding for mental health services for children and adolescents will put us in the best position to combat one of the biggest health crises we face. The budget signed today makes lasting, equitable investments in our communities and I look forward to seeing its impact.”

“This fiscally responsible budget has something for everyone - from prioritizing expanded healthcare coverage for our children and cementing the protection of women’s reproductive rights to ensuring property tax relief remains fully funded while still increasing our investments in education to ensure future minds are equipped for success,” **said Majority Leader Louis D. Greenwald**. “In this budget, we’ve made prudent choices, reduced unnecessary spending and maintained a responsible surplus. By making smart decisions, we are able to lay the foundation for historic things in New Jersey.”

“This budget builds upon our record of fiscal responsibility,” **said Senator Paul Sarlo, Senate Budget Committee Chairman**. “It includes a substantial surplus to protect against a downturn in the economy, a debt reduction fund, a full pension payment to help stabilize state financing, a fully funded school aid formula to aid local taxpayers and record amounts of direct property tax relief. It also makes strategic investments that expand economic opportunities and make the lives of New Jerseyans more affordable. This is a budget that will serve the best interests of the State of New Jersey.”

“The state spending plan for the year ahead showcases our unwavering commitment to making the lives of New Jersey families more affordable through investments in the Anchor program and education while supporting our local economies,” **said Assemblywoman Eliana Pintor Marin, Assembly Budget Committee Chair**. “The most significant reductions in state spending in at least a decade has allowed us to invest in key areas such as school funding, higher education, healthcare, and property tax relief which are all so important to our constituents. This budget is not just about balancing books; it's about balancing the scales of opportunity and equity for all New Jerseyans.”

“This budget invests in New Jerseyans at every stage of life, from record school funding for our children, to significant property tax relief for both homeowners and renters, to a historic contribution to the public pension system,” **said State Treasurer Elizabeth Maher Muoio**. “I would like to thank my staff at the Department of the Treasury, particularly the hardworking teams at the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Revenue and Economic Analysis, for their tireless efforts behind the scenes to help deliver the State Budget to the people of New Jersey.”

Increasing Affordability

Building on efforts to make the Garden State more affordable for residents and families, the FY2025 budget includes more than \$3.6 billion for direct property tax relief. This includes the third year of the historic ANCHOR Property Tax Relief Program, which provided more than \$2.2 billion to nearly two million residents in the most recent filing season. In total, the ANCHOR program has provided more than \$4 billion in direct tax relief in the past two years.

With a focus on providing relief for seniors, the budget maintains the popular Senior Freeze property tax relief

program, which was expanded last year to include 58,000 new households.

Additionally, the budget provides over \$200 million to pre-fund the Stay NJ property tax relief program that is expected to launch in FY2026. Once fully implemented, Stay NJ is intended to cut property taxes in half for many eligible New Jersey seniors by providing a direct credit of up to \$6,500 on property tax bills.

With the goal to ease the burden on working and middle-class families, this budget maintains recent expansions of the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, and the Child Tax Credit, which was doubled last year to enable families with young children to receive up to \$1,000 per child.

Beyond tax relief, this budget maintains a strong commitment to making life more affordable for New Jerseyans at all stages of life.

The budget includes \$82.5 million to maintain expanded eligibility for the popular Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) and Senior Gold programs to further cut costs for life-enhancing – and life-saving – prescription drugs.

For working New Jerseyans striving to save for the future, the budget provides funding for the RetireReady NJ program (formerly known as the Secure Choice Savings Program). Following a successful pilot program this spring, RetireReady NJ will launch fully this summer to provide a new option for retirement savings for private sector employees.

Aiming to increase homeownership opportunities, this budget includes more than \$50 million for a multi-faceted investment to boost New Jersey's housing supply and make homeownership more affordable. The FY2025 budget will also support P.L.2024, c.2, which was landmark legislation that the Governor signed in March to help towns meet their affordable housing obligations.

Prioritizing Affordable Education and Protecting Our Youth

The FY2025 budget makes significant investments in the next generation, starting with maintaining New Jersey's status as the best-in-the-nation public school system. It completes the seven-year phase-in of the school aid formula by providing more than \$900 million in direct K-12 aid for public schools, for a total of almost \$12 billion. With this budget, the State has increased overall K-12 support to New Jersey's public schools by more than \$3.5 billion over seven years, a more than 40 percent increase, all of which helps offset local property taxes.

For New Jersey's youngest students, the budget includes an additional \$124 million for pre-K education, of which \$20 million will be used to expand into new districts to create over 1,000 new seats. Since FY2018, pre-K funding has increased by over \$427 million and the State has added over 14,600 seats, pushing the state closer to achieving universal pre-K for all New Jersey families.

Continuing the work to make access to higher education more affordable, the budget includes over \$290 million in aid to community colleges, including over \$169 million in formulaic operating aid. The appropriation for community college operating aid during the final year of the Christie Administration was \$134 million. Additionally, the budget includes more than \$982 million for senior public institution operating support and the outcomes-based allocation. Compared to FY2018, this is a \$290 million increase.

To ensure New Jersey is able to attract, train, and retain the workforce necessary to continue providing a top-quality

education to our students, the budget allocates over \$15 million to teacher training programs. This includes \$10 million for student-teacher stipends to help future educators meet the costs of living while working and studying for their credentials, and \$5 million to fund the Teachers Loan Redemption Program.

In addition to record school funding and initiatives to train teachers, the FY2025 budget allocates more than \$100 million of growth to support Cover All Kids, which provides health coverage for children.

The budget also includes an additional \$30 million to provide free school meals. In addition, New Jersey has joined 37 other states to take part in the Summer EBT program, which will combat child hunger during the summer and bring in over \$60 million in federal funds. More than 550,000 children in New Jersey are already receiving benefits this summer, with more than \$66 million in federal benefits expected to be distributed.

Promoting Fiscal Responsibility

The FY2025 budget makes a record full pension payment of \$7.162 billion, including contributions from the State Lottery, bringing the total contribution to the pension fund under Governor Murphy to \$39.9 billion, or more than triple the total contributions – \$12.2 billion – made by the previous six administrations combined. This budget marks the fourth year in a row funding a full pension payment, making Governor Murphy the first governor in a generation to make payments equal to or greater than 100 percent of the Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC) four years in a row.

With a commitment to strong fiscal governance, the budget includes a surplus of \$6.1 billion, nearly ten times larger than the average surplus under the previous administration.

Because of the shared concern with addressing the State's structural budget issues, the Governor and legislative leadership have agreed that most of the new spending added to the final FY2025 Appropriations Act will be one-time, non-recurring additions.

Continuing the State's focus on reducing debt, the budget utilizes the Debt Defeasance and Prevention Fund to provide \$120 million to finish the State Police Training Center and \$70 million to support State parks. These funds will be used to revitalize Liberty State Park and break ground on the Garden State Greenway.

Another \$21 million is allocated to convert veterans' homes to single occupancy, while almost \$2 million from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund will be used to provide new beds and medical equipment at all three veterans' homes as part of the Administration's continued effort to provide veterans with the care they deserve.

Investing in NJ TRANSIT

The Murphy Administration inherited an agency in deep crisis after years of underfunding and disinvestment. However, over the past six years, NJ TRANSIT has overcome many operational challenges, with nearly every major metric – reliability, on-time performance, safety, and customer satisfaction – making notable improvement. As evidenced this summer, the agency still faces challenges, and remains in need of an additional dedicated funding source.

The new Corporate Transit Fee included in this budget will create another dedicated funding stream for NJ TRANSIT that will provide fiscal support for the next five years. This funding will ensure service is maintained as ridership continues to recover from the pandemic while building upon major operational improvements.

The fee will affect NJ's wealthiest corporations with net taxable income greater than \$10 million. Small and medium-sized businesses would not be impacted – in fact, nearly 2,500 companies will see their taxes decrease from last year.

The fee will sunset in FY2029.

Investing in Economic Opportunity and Community Growth

New Jersey has become a major player in the innovation, clean energy, and entertainment industries, earlier this year securing the opportunity to host the FIFA World Cup 26TM Final and seven other matches. The FY2025 budget builds upon these accomplishments by combining ambitious investments with important support for local communities.

Furthering the goal of positioning New Jersey atop the innovation economy, the budget includes a suite of initiatives to advance the Governor's AI Moonshot and augment the AI Hub being created at Princeton University. The funding includes \$4 million to establish an innovation challenge to reward innovators for solving public-facing problems with State data; \$400,000 to fund the AI focused Global Entrepreneurs-in-Residence pilot program to help international students at New Jersey universities launch cutting-edge businesses; \$1.5 million to fund AI education in K-12 classrooms and develop new Career and Technical Education programs targeted to AI; and \$2 million to help budding entrepreneurs build out start-ups related to general artificial intelligence and connect with the AI innovation hub.

As New Jersey continues to lead in enacting climate change reforms, this budget includes \$40 million to provide the State match for a federal electric grid modernization program to upgrade our infrastructure to meet our climate goals.

The FY2025 budget also supports small businesses with continued funding for the Main Street Recovery Program, a successful program providing multiple financial assistance products targeted to the growth and success of small businesses in New Jersey. Additionally, the budget also continues support for Manufacturing Initiatives and Strategic Innovation Centers, bringing the total investment in all three to over half a billion dollars over the past five years.

Building on investments in New Jersey's job and small business growth, the budget provides several programs to expand workforce development, including \$5 million to launch a Nursing Workforce Initiative, a suite of workforce programs designed to ensure future nurses have experienced faculty and the resources they need to complete their training; and increasing the Behavioral Healthcare Loan Redemption Program by \$2 million.

Additionally, the FY2025 budget provides over \$30 million in funding for a two-year initiative to end veteran's homelessness through services and interventions to help place over 1,000 homeless veterans in New Jersey into stable housing.

Recognizing the emergent needs residents sometimes face, the budget increases rates for emergency hotel and motel placements to help families in need of emergency housing.

The budget also builds on the successful ARRIVE Together program, which brings police and mental health professionals together to respond to crises, with an additional \$10 million to nearly double last year's investment – to expand the initiative to new municipalities while boosting hours of availability.

This budget also includes new investments in the parole system and the Office of the Public Defender to protect civil

rights and maintain New Jersey's exceptionally low recidivism rate.

The budget builds on the significant youth mental health investments made by Governor Murphy. It includes over \$40 million for the NJ Statewide Student Support Services (NJ4S) network, which stood up its first regional hubs in September. It also includes over \$50 million for cost-of-living increases in the Children's System of Care and new Mental Health Initiatives.

The budget also invests in the State's family and maternal health care programs. This includes a more than \$23 million investment to expand New Jersey's groundbreaking universal home visitation program for new mothers from 2,200 families this year to 16,700 families in the next year; operating funding for the Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Authority; and continued investments in family planning services and reproductive health programs, for a total of over \$216 million since the start of the Murphy Administration, after being completely defunded by the previous administration.

An additional one-page policy summary on the central commitments of the FY2025 budget can be found online [here](#).

Governor Murphy signed the Appropriations Act into law today:

A-4700/S-2025 (Pintor Marin, Wimberly/Sarlo, Greenstein) – w/LINE ITEM - Appropriates \$56,635,803,000 in State funds and \$27,501,993,844 in federal funds for the State budget for fiscal year 2025

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In addition to the Appropriations Act, Governor Murphy also signed the following bills into law today:

S-2024/A-4701 (Sarlo, Greenstein/Pintor Marin, Wimberly) - Makes FY2024 supplemental appropriations of \$37,430,000; de-appropriates \$24,000,000 in existing FY2024 appropriations; adds and modifies various FY2024 language provisions

S-3511/A-4703 (Sarlo/DeAngelo, Pintor Marin) – Appropriates \$393,480,000 from "New Jersey Debt Defeasance and Prevention Fund"; establishes process for authorizing future appropriations for debt defeasance and capital projects

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A-4702/S-3514 (Pintor Marin, Wimberly/Sarlo) - Phases out sales and use tax exemption on zero emission vehicles; repeals annual sales tax holiday for certain school supplies and sport or recreational equipment

A-4704/S-3513 (Haider/Scutari) - Imposes 2.5 percent corporate transit fee on taxpayers with allocated taxable net income in excess of \$10 million under CBT

A-4705/S-3512 (Murphy, Venezia/Scutari) - Increases annual assessment on net written premiums of HMOs from five percent to six percent

S-3519/A-4709 (Sarlo, Johnson/Wimberly, Schaer, Park) - Provides monies for EDA to purchase certain properties from NJT to maximize development potential; appropriates \$65 million

A-1669/S-1287 (Lampitt, Lopez, Bagolie/Beach, Turner) – Removes obstacles to teacher certification for certain teachers; repeals law establishing alternative certificate of eligibility

The Governor also conditionally vetoed the following bills earlier today and signed them later in the day upon concurrence by the Legislature:

S-1446wGR/A-2824 (Ruiz, Singleton/Greenwald, Moen, McCoy) -Modifies down payment assistance program for benefit of first-generation and first-time homebuyers

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A-4708wGR/S-3515 (Greenwald, Pintor Marin, Wimberly/Scutari) - Appropriates \$5 million to the Department of State for Cultural Projects

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