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P.L. 2024, CHAPTER 17, *approved June 28, 2024*  
Senate, No. 2024

1 **AN ACT TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT** the annual appropriations act  
2 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, P.L.2023, c.74.

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

6  
7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2023, c.74,  
8 the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
9 2024, there are appropriated from the General Fund the following  
10 amounts for the purposes specified:

11  
12 **26 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

13 *10 Public Safety and Criminal Justice*

14 *16 Detention and Rehabilitation*

15  
16 **DIRECT STATE SERVICES**

17	08-7040 Institutional Care and Treatment .....	\$2,500,000
18	99-7040 Administration and Support Services .....	7,300,000
19	Total Direct State Services appropriation,	
20	Detention and Rehabilitation .....	<u>\$9,800,000</u>

21 ***Direct State Services:***

22	Materials and Supplies .....	(\$9,800,000)
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24 **54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

25 *50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security*

26 *53 Economic Assistance and Security*

27 *7550 Division of Family Development*

28  
29 **STATE AID**

30	15-7550 Income Maintenance Management .....	\$12,111,000
31	Total State Aid Appropriation,	
32	Division of Family Development .....	<u>\$12,111,000</u>

33 ***State Aid:***

34	15 Payments for Cost of General	
35	Assistance .....	(\$7,918,000)
36	15 Payments for Supplemental Security	
37	Income .....	(\$4,193,000)

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39 2. The following item in section 1 of P.L.2023, c.74, the annual  
40 appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, is  
41 amended as follows:

**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.

1                   **82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**  
 2                   ***50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security***  
 3                   ***51 Economic Planning and Development***

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5                   **GRANTS-IN-AID**

6 38-2043 Economic Development .... **【\$323,682,000】** \$299,682,000  
 7                   Total Grants-in-Aid appropriation,  
 8                   Economic Planning and Development .....  
 9                   ..... **【\$323,682,000】** \$299,682,000

10 ***Grants-in-Aid:***

11 **【38**       Jersey City Redevelopment Agency –  
 12                   Art Museum Project ..... (\$24,000,000)**】**

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 14       3. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2023, c.74,  
 15 the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 16 2024, there are appropriated from the Property Tax Relief Fund the  
 17 following amounts for the purposes specified:

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 19                   **34 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
 20                   ***30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development***  
 21                   ***31 Direct Educational Services and Assistance***

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23                   **STATE AID**

24 01-5120 General Formula Aid ..... \$6,764,000  
 25                   (*From Property Tax Relief Fund .. \$6,764,000*)  
 26 36-5120 Student Transportation ..... \$4,455,000  
 27                   (*From Property Tax Relief Fund .. \$4,455,000*)  
 28                   Total State Aid Appropriation,  
 29                   Direct Educational Services and Assistance \$11,219,000  
 30                   (*From Property Tax Relief Fund .. \$11,219,000*)

31 ***State Aid:***

32       01 Equalization Aid (PTRF) .....(\$6,764,000)  
 33       36 Transportation Aid (PTRF) .....(\$4,455,000)

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 35                   **54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
 36                   ***20 Physical and Mental Health***  
 37                   ***23 Behavioral Health Services***  
 38                   ***7700 Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services***

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40                   **STATE AID**

41 08-7700 Community Services ..... \$4,300,000  
 42                   (*From Property Tax Relief Fund .. \$4,300,000*)  
 43                   Total State Aid Appropriation,  
 44                   Division of Mental Health and Addiction  
 45                   Services ..... \$4,300,000  
 46                   (*From Property Tax Relief Fund .. \$4,300,000*)

47 ***State Aid:***

48       08 Support of Patients in County Psychiatric  
 49       Hospitals (PTRF) .....(\$4,300,000)

1 4. The following language provisions are added to section 1 of  
2 P.L.2023, c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year  
3 ending June 30, 2024, as follows:

4  
5 **46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

6 *20 Physical and Mental Health*

7 *22 Health Planning and Evaluation*

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9 **GRANTS-IN-AID**

10  
11 Of the amounts hereinabove appropriated to Robert Wood Johnson  
12 Barnabas Health – Community Health Projects, amounts may be  
13 transferred to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health  
14 Services in the Department of Human Services and are  
15 appropriated, consistent with CMS guidelines, solely to  
16 maximize federal Medicaid payments to faculty physicians and  
17 non-physician professionals who are affiliated with Robert Wood  
18 Johnson Barnabas Health, subject to the approval of the Director  
19 of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

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21 **54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

22 *20 Physical and Mental Health*

23 *24 Special Health Services*

24 *7540 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services*

25  
26 **GRANTS-IN-AID**

27  
28 Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the  
29 contrary, \$50,000,000 of the amounts received by the State  
30 pursuant to P.L.2020, c.145 (C.17:48E-46.1 et al.) and on deposit  
31 in the Health Care Affordability and Accessibility Fund, are  
32 appropriated to the Department of Human Services, Division of  
33 Medical Assistance and Health Services to fund Medical  
34 Coverage – Title XIX Parents and Children in the General  
35 Medical Services program classification, subject to the approval  
36 of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

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38 **82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

39 *50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security*

40 *51 Economic Planning and Development*

41  
42 **GRANTS-IN-AID**

43  
44 Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.2023, c.97 (C.34:1B-4.2 et  
45 al.), or the provisions of any other law or regulation to the  
46 contrary, \$10,000,000 of the amount appropriated pursuant to  
47 section 9 of P.L.2023, c.97 for Film-Lease Partner Facility  
48 Investments, EDA (P.L.2023, c.97) shall be used by the New  
49 Jersey Economic Development Authority for programs, projects,

1 and initiatives that support the film and digital media industry, as  
2 determined by the New Jersey Economic Development  
3 Authority.

4  
5 From the amount hereinabove appropriated for Real Estate Projects  
6 Funding, EDA, such amounts as may be required may be  
7 transferred to the Economic Recovery Fund – Strategic  
8 Innovation Centers and Maternal and Infant Health Innovation  
9 Center, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of  
10 Budget and Accounting.

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12 5. The following language provision in section 1 of P.L.2023,  
13 c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June  
14 30, 2024, is amended to read as follows:

15  
16 Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the  
17 contrary, amounts hereinabove appropriated for Preschool  
18 Education Aid shall be allocated as follows: 1) in the case of a  
19 district that received Early Launch to Learning Initiative aid in  
20 the 2007-2008 school year, an amount equal to the district's  
21 2007-2008 allocation of Early Launch to Learning Initiative aid;  
22 2) in the case of a school district that received a 2008-2009  
23 allocation of Preschool Education Aid based on its 2007-2008  
24 Early Childhood Program Aid allocation, an aid amount equal to  
25 the district's 2022-2023 per pupil allocation of Preschool  
26 Education Aid inflated by the CPI and multiplied by the district's  
27 projected preschool enrollment, except in the case of a school  
28 district that participated in the federal Preschool Expansion  
29 Grant in 2018-2019, districts that received an allocation of  
30 Preschool Education Expansion Aid in 2017-2018 or 2018-2019,  
31 and districts that received an allocation of Preschool Education  
32 Aid through the competitive process administered by the  
33 Commissioner of Education which began in 2019-2020; 3) in the  
34 case of any other district with an allocation of Preschool  
35 Education Aid in the 2022-2023 school year calculated using the  
36 provisions of section 12 of P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-54),  
37 districts that participated in the federal Preschool Expansion  
38 Grant in 2018-2019, districts that received an allocation of  
39 Preschool Education Expansion Aid in 2017-2018 or 2018-2019,  
40 or districts that received an allocation of Preschool Education  
41 Aid through the competitive process administered by the  
42 Commissioner of Education which began in 2019-2020, an  
43 amount calculated in accordance with those provisions based  
44 upon 2023-2024 projected FTE enrollments, and multiplied by  
45 the per pupil allocations as set forth in the March 2023 State Aid  
46 notice issued by the commissioner. Notwithstanding the  
47 provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, of the  
48 amounts hereinabove appropriated for Preschool Education Aid,  
49 an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 shall be allocated [by the

1 commissioner] in amounts to be determined by the  
2 Commissioner of Education: 1) to districts in total additional  
3 preschool funding for the purpose of expanding free access to  
4 full-day preschool for resident three- and four-year old children  
5 in accordance with the preschool quality standards issued by the  
6 commissioner and based on a district's demonstration of its  
7 readiness to operate a preschool program consistent with those  
8 standards; and 2) to the Department of Education to address  
9 workforce preparation and training and other ancillary needs  
10 related to preschool expansion], as determined by the  
11 commissioner]. A school district that receives Preschool  
12 Education Aid for the first time in the 2023-2024 school year  
13 shall demonstrate, in its application, due diligence in establishing  
14 partnerships to provide its preschool program through a mixed-  
15 delivery system in all licensed child care providers and Head  
16 Start programs in its community or neighboring communities  
17 that are willing and able to meet all preschool program  
18 requirements. The Department of Education, the Department of  
19 Children and Families, and the Department of Human Services  
20 shall post on the departments' Internet websites, no later than  
21 July 14, 2023, a list of all districts eligible to apply for Preschool  
22 Education Aid and a list of all child care providers and Head  
23 Start programs in each eligible district's community, as well as  
24 neighboring communities, and contact information for those  
25 providers. The Department of Education, the Department of  
26 Children and Families, and the Department of Human Services  
27 shall, in consultation with school districts, licensed child care  
28 providers, Head Start programs, and other stakeholders identified  
29 by the Commissioner of Education, provide a report to the  
30 Legislature, on or before March 1, 2024, on the status of  
31 preschool education in the State, generally, and on the efficacy  
32 of the mixed-delivery model of preschool education. The  
33 Department of Education may utilize up to \$250,000 of  
34 Preschool Education Aid to contract temporary staff to assist  
35 with preparation of a report on the efficacy of the mixed-delivery  
36 model of preschool education as provided herein.

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38 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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43 This bill supplements the FY 2024 Appropriations Act with a net  
44 additional amount of spending authority that totals \$13,430,000.  
45 The net total consists of \$37,430,000 in additional spending and  
46 \$24,000,000 in reduced spending. The bill also adjusts certain  
47 language provisions in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act and adds  
48 new language provisions related to certain items of spending.

1 ***Department of Corrections:***

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3 This bill appropriates \$9,800,000 in Direct State Services  
4 funding to the Department of Corrections for Materials and  
5 Supplies. The additional funding is needed to address increased  
6 costs related to food for incarcerated persons as well as fuel and  
7 utility costs. The increased funding under this bill for the  
8 Department of Corrections is from the General Fund.

9

10 ***Department of Human Services***

11

12 This bill appropriates an additional \$16,411,000 to the  
13 Department of Human Services, with \$12,111,000 of the total being  
14 appropriated from the General Fund and the remaining \$4,300,000  
15 being appropriated from the Property Tax Relief Fund.

16 Of the \$12,111,000 in additional spending from the General  
17 Fund, \$4,193,000 is appropriated as State Aid for the Supplemental  
18 Security Income Program due to higher than anticipated regular  
19 assistance costs. The remaining \$7,918,000 in State Aid funding  
20 from the General Fund is provided for the General Assistance  
21 Program due to higher than anticipated costs for the program's  
22 employable recipients.

23 The bill's additional \$4,300,000 in State Aid spending from the  
24 Property Tax Relief Fund is appropriated for Support of Patients in  
25 County Psychiatric Hospitals due to an increase in the State's share  
26 of costs for patients in county psychiatric hospitals.

27 The bill also adds a new language provision in the Department of  
28 Human Services portion of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. The  
29 language allows funding received in the Health Care Affordability  
30 and Accessibility Fund to be appropriated to support NJ  
31 FamilyCare.

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33 ***Department of the Treasury:***

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35 This bill de-appropriates \$24,000,000 in Grants-in-Aid funding  
36 from the General Fund for Jersey City Redevelopment Agency – Art  
37 Museum Project due to a lack of sustainable resources for future  
38 ongoing costs.

39 The bill also adds two language provisions in the Department of  
40 the Treasury portion of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. One  
41 language provision allows existing funding for the New Jersey  
42 Economic Development Authority's Film-Lease Partner Facility  
43 Investments program to be used for programs, projects, and  
44 initiatives that support the film and digital media industry. The  
45 existing funding was appropriated as part of P.L.2023, c.97 to make  
46 capital investments in New Jersey film-lease partner facilities. The  
47 other new language provision added to the FY 2024 Appropriations  
48 Act by this bill allows existing funding for the New Jersey  
49 Economic Development Authority's Real Estate Projects Funding

1 program to be reallocated to the Economic Recovery Fund –  
2 Strategic Innovation Centers and Maternal and Infant Health  
3 Innovation Center.

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5 ***Department of Education:***

6

7 This bill appropriates a total of \$11,219,000 in State Aid funding  
8 to the Department of Education from the Property Tax Relief Fund.  
9 Of this total amount, \$6,764,000 is appropriated as additional  
10 Equalization Aid in order to fulfill the provisions of P.L.2023,  
11 c.140. This law provides an exemption from reductions in State  
12 school aid for certain regional school districts that meet criteria  
13 enumerated in the law related to mitigated regionalization costs,  
14 administrative spending per pupil, and increases in the general fund  
15 tax levy.

16 The other \$4,455,000 in additional State Aid funding to the  
17 Department of Education is appropriated as additional  
18 Transportation Aid due to increased nonpublic transportation costs.

19 The bill also adjusts a language provision in the FY 2024  
20 Appropriations Act related to Preschool Education Aid to clarify  
21 that the Department of Education may support workforce  
22 preparation and training and other ancillary needs related to  
23 preschool expansion.

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25 ***Department of Health:***

26

27 The bill adds a new language provision to the Department of  
28 Health portion of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. The language  
29 provision allows necessary funds to be transferred from the  
30 department to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health  
31 Services in the Department of Human Services to support Robert  
32 Wood Johnson Barnabas Health’s participation in the Medicaid  
33 Access to Physician Services program.

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38 Makes FY2024 supplemental appropriations of \$37,430,000; de-  
39 appropriates \$24,000,000 in existing FY2024 appropriations; adds  
40 and modifies various FY2024 language provisions.

**CHAPTER 17**

**AN ACT TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT** the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, P.L.2023, c.74.

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

1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2023, c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, there are appropriated from the General Fund the following amounts for the purposes specified:

**26 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
*10 Public Safety and Criminal Justice*  
*16 Detention and Rehabilitation*  
**DIRECT STATE SERVICES**

08-7040 Institutional Care and Treatment .....	\$2,500,000
99-7040 Administration and Support Services .....	<u>\$7,300,000</u>
Total Direct State Services appropriation, Detention and Rehabilitation .....	<u>\$9,800,000</u>
<b>Direct State Services:</b> Materials and Supplies .....	(\$9,800,000)

**54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
*50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security*  
*53 Economic Assistance and Security*  
*7550 Division of Family Development*  
**STATE AID**

15-7550 Income Maintenance Management .....	<u>\$12,111,000</u>
Total State Aid Appropriation, Division of Family Development .....	<u>\$12,111,000</u>
<b>State Aid:</b> 15 Payments for Cost of General Assistance .....	(\$7,918,000)
15 Payments for Supplemental Security Income .....	(\$4,193,000)

2. The following item in section 1 of P.L.2023, c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, is amended as follows:

**82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**  
*50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security*  
*51 Economic Planning and Development*  
**GRANTS-IN-AID**

38-2043 Economic Development .....	<u>\$299,682,000</u>
Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, Economic Planning and Development .....	<u>\$299,682,000</u>
<b>Grants-in-Aid:</b>	

3. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2023, c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, there are appropriated from the Property Tax Relief Fund the following amounts for the purposes specified:

**34 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
*30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development*  
*31 Direct Educational Services and Assistance*  
**STATE AID**

01-5120 General Formula Aid .....	\$6,764,000
(From Property Tax Relief Fund.....)	\$6,764,000)
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(From Property Tax Relief Fund.....)	\$4,455,000)
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*20 Physical and Mental Health*  
*23 Behavioral Health Services*  
*7700 Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services*  
**STATE AID**

08-7700 Community Services .....	\$4,300,000
<i>(From Property Tax Relief Fund.....</i>	<i>\$4,300,000)</i>
Total State Aid Appropriation,	
Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services .....	\$4,300,000
<i>(From Property Tax Relief Fund.....</i>	<i>\$4,300,000)</i>
<b>State Aid:</b>	
08 Support of Patients in County Psychiatric Hospitals (PTRF) .....	(\$4,300,000)

4. The following language provisions are added to section 1 of P.L.2023, c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, as follows:

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*20 Physical and Mental Health*  
*22 Health Planning and Evaluation*  
**GRANTS-IN-AID**

Of the amounts hereinabove appropriated to Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health – Community Health Projects, amounts may be transferred to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services and are appropriated, consistent with CMS guidelines, solely to maximize federal Medicaid payments to faculty physicians and non-physician professionals who are affiliated with Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

**54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
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**GRANTS-IN-AID**

Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, \$50,000,000 of the amounts received by the State pursuant to P.L.2020, c.145 (C.17:48E-46.1 et al.) and on deposit in the Health Care Affordability and Accessibility Fund, are appropriated to the Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services to fund Medical Coverage – Title XIX Parents and Children in the General Medical Services program classification, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

**82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**  
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*51 Economic Planning and Development*  
**GRANTS-IN-AID**

Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.2023, c.97 (C.34:1B-4.2 et al.), or the provisions of any other law or regulation to the contrary, \$10,000,000 of the amount appropriated pursuant to section 9 of P.L.2023, c.97 for Film-Lease Partner Facility Investments, EDA (P.L.2023, c.97) shall be used by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for programs, projects, and initiatives that support the film and digital media industry, as determined by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

From the amount hereinabove appropriated for Real Estate Projects Funding, EDA, such amounts as may be required may be transferred to the Economic Recovery Fund – Strategic Innovation Centers and Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Center, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

5. The following language provision in section 1 of P.L.2023, c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, is amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, amounts hereinabove appropriated for Preschool Education Aid shall be allocated as follows: 1) in the case of a district that received Early Launch to Learning Initiative aid in the 2007-2008 school year, an amount equal to the district's 2007-2008 allocation of Early Launch to Learning Initiative aid; 2) in the case of a school district that received a 2008-2009 allocation of Preschool Education Aid based on its 2007-2008 Early Childhood Program Aid allocation, an aid amount equal to the district's 2022-2023 per pupil allocation of Preschool Education Aid inflated by the CPI and multiplied by the district's projected preschool enrollment, except in the case of a school district that participated in the federal Preschool Expansion Grant in 2018-2019, districts that received an allocation of Preschool Education Expansion Aid in 2017-2018 or 2018-2019, and districts that received an allocation of Preschool

Education Aid through the competitive process administered by the Commissioner of Education which began in 2019-2020; 3) in the case of any other district with an allocation of Preschool Education Aid in the 2022-2023 school year calculated using the provisions of section 12 of P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-54), districts that participated in the federal Preschool Expansion Grant in 2018-2019, districts that received an allocation of Preschool Education Expansion Aid in 2017-2018 or 2018-2019, or districts that received an allocation of Preschool Education Aid through the competitive process administered by the Commissioner of Education which began in 2019-2020, an amount calculated in accordance with those provisions based upon 2023-2024 projected FTE enrollments, and multiplied by the per pupil allocations as set forth in the March 2023 State Aid notice issued by the commissioner. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, of the amounts hereinabove appropriated for Preschool Education Aid, an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 shall be allocated in amounts to be determined by the Commissioner of Education: 1) to districts in total additional preschool funding for the purpose of expanding free access to full-day preschool for resident three- and four-year old children in accordance with the preschool quality standards issued by the commissioner and based on a district's demonstration of its readiness to operate a preschool program consistent with those standards; and 2) to the Department of Education to address workforce preparation and training and other ancillary needs related to preschool expansion. A school district that receives Preschool Education Aid for the first time in the 2023-2024 school year shall demonstrate, in its application, due diligence in establishing partnerships to provide its preschool program through a mixed-delivery system in all licensed child care providers and Head Start programs in its community or neighboring communities that are willing and able to meet all preschool program requirements. The Department of Education, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Human Services shall post on the departments' Internet websites, no later than July 14, 2023, a list of all districts eligible to apply for Preschool Education Aid and a list of all child care providers and Head Start programs in each eligible district's community, as well as neighboring communities, and contact information for those providers. The Department of Education, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Human Services shall, in consultation with school districts, licensed child care providers, Head Start programs, and other stakeholders identified by the Commissioner of Education, provide a report to the Legislature, on or before March 1, 2024, on the status of preschool education in the State, generally, and on the efficacy of the mixed-delivery model of preschool education. The Department of Education may utilize up to \$250,000 of Preschool Education Aid to contract temporary staff to assist with preparation of a report on the efficacy of the mixed-delivery model of preschool education as provided herein.

6. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved June 28, 2024.

**SENATE, No. 2024**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**221st LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED JUNE 26, 2024

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**SYNOPSIS**

Makes FY2024 supplemental appropriations of \$37,430,000; de-appropriates \$24,000,000 in existing FY2024 appropriations; adds and modifies various FY2024 language provisions.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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4 full-day preschool for resident three- and four-year old children  
5 in accordance with the preschool quality standards issued by the  
6 commissioner and based on a district's demonstration of its  
7 readiness to operate a preschool program consistent with those  
8 standards; and 2) to the Department of Education to address  
9 workforce preparation and training and other ancillary needs  
10 related to preschool expansion[, as determined by the  
11 commissioner]. A school district that receives Preschool  
12 Education Aid for the first time in the 2023-2024 school year  
13 shall demonstrate, in its application, due diligence in establishing  
14 partnerships to provide its preschool program through a mixed-  
15 delivery system in all licensed child care providers and Head  
16 Start programs in its community or neighboring communities  
17 that are willing and able to meet all preschool program  
18 requirements. The Department of Education, the Department of  
19 Children and Families, and the Department of Human Services  
20 shall post on the departments' Internet websites, no later than  
21 July 14, 2023, a list of all districts eligible to apply for Preschool  
22 Education Aid and a list of all child care providers and Head  
23 Start programs in each eligible district's community, as well as  
24 neighboring communities, and contact information for those  
25 providers. The Department of Education, the Department of  
26 Children and Families, and the Department of Human Services  
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28 providers, Head Start programs, and other stakeholders identified  
29 by the Commissioner of Education, provide a report to the  
30 Legislature, on or before March 1, 2024, on the status of  
31 preschool education in the State, generally, and on the efficacy  
32 of the mixed-delivery model of preschool education. The  
33 Department of Education may utilize up to \$250,000 of  
34 Preschool Education Aid to contract temporary staff to assist  
35 with preparation of a report on the efficacy of the mixed-delivery  
36 model of preschool education as provided herein.

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38 6. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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#### 41 STATEMENT

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43 This bill supplements the FY 2024 Appropriations Act with a net  
44 additional amount of spending authority that totals \$13,430,000.  
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46 \$24,000,000 in reduced spending. The bill also adjusts certain  
47 language provisions in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act and adds  
48 new language provisions related to certain items of spending.

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2

3 This bill appropriates \$9,800,000 in Direct State Services  
4 funding to the Department of Corrections for Materials and  
5 Supplies. The additional funding is needed to address increased  
6 costs related to food for incarcerated persons as well as fuel and  
7 utility costs. The increased funding under this bill for the  
8 Department of Corrections is from the General Fund.

9

10 ***Department of Human Services***

11

12 This bill appropriates an additional \$16,411,000 to the  
13 Department of Human Services, with \$12,111,000 of the total being  
14 appropriated from the General Fund and the remaining \$4,300,000  
15 being appropriated from the Property Tax Relief Fund.

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19 assistance costs. The remaining \$7,918,000 in State Aid funding  
20 from the General Fund is provided for the General Assistance  
21 Program due to higher than anticipated costs for the program's  
22 employable recipients.

23 The bill's additional \$4,300,000 in State Aid spending from the  
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25 County Psychiatric Hospitals due to an increase in the State's share  
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27 The bill also adds a new language provision in the Department of  
28 Human Services portion of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. The  
29 language allows funding received in the Health Care Affordability  
30 and Accessibility Fund to be appropriated to support NJ  
31 FamilyCare.

32

33 ***Department of the Treasury:***

34

35 This bill de-appropriates \$24,000,000 in Grants-in-Aid funding  
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37 Museum Project due to a lack of sustainable resources for future  
38 ongoing costs.

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40 the Treasury portion of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. One  
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46 capital investments in New Jersey film-lease partner facilities. The  
47 other new language provision added to the FY 2024 Appropriations  
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49 Economic Development Authority's Real Estate Projects Funding

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2 Strategic Innovation Centers and Maternal and Infant Health  
3 Innovation Center.

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5 ***Department of Education:***

6

7 This bill appropriates a total of \$11,219,000 in State Aid funding  
8 to the Department of Education from the Property Tax Relief Fund.  
9 Of this total amount, \$6,764,000 is appropriated as additional  
10 Equalization Aid in order to fulfill the provisions of P.L.2023,  
11 c.140. This law provides an exemption from reductions in State  
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13 enumerated in the law related to mitigated regionalization costs,  
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18 Transportation Aid due to increased nonpublic transportation costs.

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20 Appropriations Act related to Preschool Education Aid to clarify  
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22 preparation and training and other ancillary needs related to  
23 preschool expansion.

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25 ***Department of Health:***

26

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29 provision allows necessary funds to be transferred from the  
30 department to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health  
31 Services in the Department of Human Services to support Robert  
32 Wood Johnson Barnabas Health's participation in the Medicaid  
33 Access to Physician Services program.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 2024

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 26, 2024

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2024.

This bill supplements the FY 2024 Appropriations Act with a net additional amount of spending authority that totals \$13,430,000. The net total consists of \$37,430,000 in additional spending and \$24,000,000 in reduced spending. The bill also adjusts certain language provisions in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act and adds new language provisions related to certain items of spending.

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This bill appropriates a total of \$11,219,000 in State Aid funding to the Department of Education from the Property Tax Relief Fund. Of this total amount, \$6,764,000 is appropriated as additional Equalization Aid in order to fulfill the provisions of P.L.2023, c.140. This law provides an exemption from reductions in State school aid for certain regional school districts that meet criteria enumerated in the law related to mitigated regionalization costs, administrative spending per pupil, and increases in the general fund tax levy.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4701**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**221st LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED JUNE 26, 2024

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman ELIANA PINTOR MARIN**

**District 29 (Essex and Hudson)**

**Assemblyman BENJIE E. WIMBERLY**

**District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman Reynolds-Jackson**

**SYNOPSIS**

Makes FY2024 supplemental appropriations of \$37,430,000; de-appropriates \$24,000,000 in existing FY2024 appropriations; adds and modifies various FY2024 language provisions.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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

1 AN ACT TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT the annual appropriations act  
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3

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13 *10 Public Safety and Criminal Justice*

14 *16 Detention and Rehabilitation*

15

16 **DIRECT STATE SERVICES**

17

08-7040 Institutional Care and Treatment ..... \$2,500,000

18

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19

Total Direct State Services appropriation,

20

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22

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25 *50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security*

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28

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30

15-7550 Income Maintenance Management ..... \$12,111,000

31

Total State Aid Appropriation,

32

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33

*State Aid:*

34

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35

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3 preschool funding for the purpose of expanding free access to  
4 full-day preschool for resident three- and four-year old children  
5 in accordance with the preschool quality standards issued by the  
6 commissioner and based on a district's demonstration of its  
7 readiness to operate a preschool program consistent with those  
8 standards; and 2) to the Department of Education to address  
9 workforce preparation and training and other ancillary needs  
10 related to preschool expansion[, as determined by the  
11 commissioner]. A school district that receives Preschool  
12 Education Aid for the first time in the 2023-2024 school year  
13 shall demonstrate, in its application, due diligence in establishing  
14 partnerships to provide its preschool program through a mixed-  
15 delivery system in all licensed child care providers and Head  
16 Start programs in its community or neighboring communities  
17 that are willing and able to meet all preschool program  
18 requirements. The Department of Education, the Department of  
19 Children and Families, and the Department of Human Services  
20 shall post on the departments' Internet websites, no later than  
21 July 14, 2023, a list of all districts eligible to apply for Preschool  
22 Education Aid and a list of all child care providers and Head  
23 Start programs in each eligible district's community, as well as  
24 neighboring communities, and contact information for those  
25 providers. The Department of Education, the Department of  
26 Children and Families, and the Department of Human Services  
27 shall, in consultation with school districts, licensed child care  
28 providers, Head Start programs, and other stakeholders identified  
29 by the Commissioner of Education, provide a report to the  
30 Legislature, on or before March 1, 2024, on the status of  
31 preschool education in the State, generally, and on the efficacy  
32 of the mixed-delivery model of preschool education. The  
33 Department of Education may utilize up to \$250,000 of  
34 Preschool Education Aid to contract temporary staff to assist  
35 with preparation of a report on the efficacy of the mixed-delivery  
36 model of preschool education as provided herein.

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38 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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43 This bill supplements the FY 2024 Appropriations Act with a net  
44 additional amount of spending authority that totals \$13,430,000.  
45 The net total consists of \$37,430,000 in additional spending and  
46 \$24,000,000 in reduced spending. The bill also adjusts certain  
47 language provisions in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act and adds  
48 new language provisions related to certain items of spending.

1 ***Department of Corrections:***

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3 This bill appropriates \$9,800,000 in Direct State Services  
4 funding to the Department of Corrections for Materials and  
5 Supplies. The additional funding is needed to address increased  
6 costs related to food for incarcerated persons as well as fuel and  
7 utility costs. The increased funding under this bill for the  
8 Department of Corrections is from the General Fund.

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10 ***Department of Human Services***

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12 This bill appropriates an additional \$16,411,000 to the  
13 Department of Human Services, with \$12,111,000 of the total being  
14 appropriated from the General Fund and the remaining \$4,300,000  
15 being appropriated from the Property Tax Relief Fund.

16 Of the \$12,111,000 in additional spending from the General  
17 Fund, \$4,193,000 is appropriated as State Aid for the Supplemental  
18 Security Income Program due to higher than anticipated regular  
19 assistance costs. The remaining \$7,918,000 in State Aid funding  
20 from the General Fund is provided for the General Assistance  
21 Program due to higher than anticipated costs for the program's  
22 employable recipients.

23 The bill's additional \$4,300,000 in State Aid spending from the  
24 Property Tax Relief Fund is appropriated for Support of Patients in  
25 County Psychiatric Hospitals due to an increase in the State's share  
26 of costs for patients in county psychiatric hospitals.

27 The bill also adds a new language provision in the Department of  
28 Human Services portion of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. The  
29 language allows funding received in the Health Care Affordability  
30 and Accessibility Fund to be appropriated to support NJ  
31 FamilyCare.

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33 ***Department of the Treasury:***

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35 This bill de-appropriates \$24,000,000 in Grants-in-Aid funding  
36 from the General Fund for Jersey City Redevelopment Agency – Art  
37 Museum Project due to a lack of sustainable resources for future  
38 ongoing costs.

39 The bill also adds two language provisions in the Department of  
40 the Treasury portion of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. One  
41 language provision allows existing funding for the New Jersey  
42 Economic Development Authority's Film-Lease Partner Facility  
43 Investments program to be used for programs, projects, and  
44 initiatives that support the film and digital media industry. The  
45 existing funding was appropriated as part of P.L.2023, c.97 to make  
46 capital investments in New Jersey film-lease partner facilities. The  
47 other new language provision added to the FY 2024 Appropriations  
48 Act by this bill allows existing funding for the New Jersey  
49 Economic Development Authority's Real Estate Projects Funding

1 program to be reallocated to the Economic Recovery Fund –  
2 Strategic Innovation Centers and Maternal and Infant Health  
3 Innovation Center.

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5 ***Department of Education:***

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7 This bill appropriates a total of \$11,219,000 in State Aid funding  
8 to the Department of Education from the Property Tax Relief Fund.  
9 Of this total amount, \$6,764,000 is appropriated as additional  
10 Equalization Aid in order to fulfill the provisions of P.L.2023,  
11 c.140. This law provides an exemption from reductions in State  
12 school aid for certain regional school districts that meet criteria  
13 enumerated in the law related to mitigated regionalization costs,  
14 administrative spending per pupil, and increases in the general fund  
15 tax levy.

16 The other \$4,455,000 in additional State Aid funding to the  
17 Department of Education is appropriated as additional  
18 Transportation Aid due to increased nonpublic transportation costs.

19 The bill also adjusts a language provision in the FY 2024  
20 Appropriations Act related to Preschool Education Aid to clarify  
21 that the Department of Education may support workforce  
22 preparation and training and other ancillary needs related to  
23 preschool expansion.

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25 ***Department of Health:***

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27 The bill adds a new language provision to the Department of  
28 Health portion of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. The language  
29 provision allows necessary funds to be transferred from the  
30 department to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health  
31 Services in the Department of Human Services to support Robert  
32 Wood Johnson Barnabas Health's participation in the Medicaid  
33 Access to Physician Services program.

# ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 4701

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 26, 2024

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4701.

This bill supplements the FY 2024 Appropriations Act with a net additional amount of spending authority that totals \$13,430,000. The net total consists of \$37,430,000 in additional spending and \$24,000,000 in reduced spending. The bill also adjusts certain language provisions in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act and adds new language provisions related to certain items of spending.

#### *Department of Corrections:*

This bill appropriates \$9,800,000 in Direct State Services funding to the Department of Corrections for Materials and Supplies. The additional funding is needed to address increased costs related to food for incarcerated persons as well as fuel and utility costs. The increased funding under this bill for the Department of Corrections is from the General Fund.

#### *Department of Human Services*

This bill appropriates an additional \$16,411,000 to the Department of Human Services, with \$12,111,000 of the total being appropriated from the General Fund and the remaining \$4,300,000 being appropriated from the Property Tax Relief Fund.

Of the \$12,111,000 in additional spending from the General Fund, \$4,193,000 is appropriated as State Aid for the Supplemental Security Income Program due to higher than anticipated regular assistance costs. The remaining \$7,918,000 in State Aid funding from the General Fund is provided for the General Assistance Program due to higher than anticipated costs for the program's employable recipients.

The bill's additional \$4,300,000 in State Aid spending from the Property Tax Relief Fund is appropriated for Support of Patients in County Psychiatric Hospitals due to an increase in the State's share of costs for patients in county psychiatric hospitals.

The bill also adds a new language provision in the Department of Human Services portion of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. The language allows funding received in the Health Care Affordability and Accessibility Fund to be appropriated to support NJ FamilyCare.

***Department of the Treasury:***

This bill de-appropriates \$24,000,000 in Grants-in-Aid funding from the General Fund for Jersey City Redevelopment Agency – Art Museum Project due to a lack of sustainable resources for future ongoing costs.

The bill also adds two language provisions in the Department of the Treasury portion of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. One language provision allows existing funding for the New Jersey Economic Development Authority’s Film-Lease Partner Facility Investments program to be used for programs, projects, and initiatives that support the film and digital media industry. The existing funding was appropriated as part of P.L.2023, c.97 to make capital investments in New Jersey film-lease partner facilities. The other new language provision added to the FY 2024 Appropriations Act by this bill allows existing funding for the New Jersey Economic Development Authority’s Real Estate Projects Funding program to be reallocated to the Economic Recovery Fund – Strategic Innovation Centers and Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Center.

***Department of Education:***

This bill appropriates a total of \$11,219,000 in State Aid funding to the Department of Education from the Property Tax Relief Fund. Of this total amount, \$6,764,000 is appropriated as additional Equalization Aid in order to fulfill the provisions of P.L.2023, c.140. This law provides an exemption from reductions in State school aid for certain regional school districts that meet criteria enumerated in the law related to mitigated regionalization costs, administrative spending per pupil, and increases in the general fund tax levy.

The other \$4,455,000 in additional State Aid funding to the Department of Education is appropriated as additional Transportation Aid due to increased nonpublic transportation costs.

The bill also adjusts a language provision in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act related to Preschool Education Aid to clarify that the Department of Education may support workforce preparation and training and other ancillary needs related to preschool expansion.

***Department of Health:***

The bill adds a new language provision to the Department of Health portion of the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. The language provision allows necessary funds to be transferred from the department to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services to support Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health’s participation in the Medicaid Access to Physician Services program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

# Governor Murphy Signs Fiscal Year 2025 Budget into Law

06/28/2024

*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 26<sup>TM</sup> 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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