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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 424, *approved January 18, 2022*
Senate, No. 4210 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT establishing a loan program for small to medium-sized
2 businesses to fund the costs of providing reasonable workplace
3 accommodations for employees with disabilities and
4 supplementing P.L.1974, c.180 (C.34:1B-1 et seq.).
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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. As used in this act:

10 “Authority” means the New Jersey Economic Development
11 Authority established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1974, c.80
12 (C.34:1B-4).

13 “Employee with disabilities” means an individual with
14 disabilities, as determined pursuant to State or federal law, who is
15 employed by a qualified small to medium-sized business and who
16 requires reasonable accommodation from the qualified business to
17 perform the essential functions of a job at the qualified business.

18 “Qualified small to medium-sized business” or “qualified
19 business” means a business that:

20 a. is registered to do business in this State;

21 b. maintains a business location or otherwise derives a majority
22 of its income from business activities or operations conducted
23 within this State;

24 c. has no more than 100 employees in any calendar month
25 during the taxable year in which the business is conducted or
26 operated for a profit; and

27 d. has a net income of not more than ¹~~[\$100,000]~~ \$1,000,000¹
28 from all business activities or operations conducted within and
29 outside of this State during the taxable year in which the business
30 applies for a loan under loan program established pursuant to
31 section 2 of this act.

32 “Reasonable workplace accommodation” means any change to
33 the application or hiring process for a job with a qualified small to
34 medium-sized business, to the way in which the job is performed, or
35 to the work environment that allows an employee with disabilities
36 who is qualified for the job to perform the essential functions of
37 that job and enjoy equal employment opportunities. “Reasonable

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SEG committee amendments adopted December 9, 2021.

1 workplace accommodation” shall not create an undue hardship to
2 the qualified business.

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4 2. a. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority shall
5 establish and administer a loan program to assist qualified small to
6 medium-sized businesses in funding the costs of providing
7 reasonable workplace accommodations for employees with
8 disabilities.

9 b. (1) A small to medium-sized business seeking a loan
10 pursuant to this section shall apply to the authority, in a form and
11 manner as determined by the authority, and shall include
12 information concerning the proposed accessibility improvements
13 that the loan funds will be used to make, along with any additional
14 information that the authority determines is necessary for
15 participation in the loan program established pursuant to the
16 provisions of this act.

17 (2) The authority shall review completed applications and
18 approve those applications that meet the requirements of this act. In
19 order to receive a loan from the authority pursuant to this act, the
20 small to medium-sized business shall be deemed by the authority to
21 meet the criteria of a qualified small to medium-sized business and
22 any other criteria established by the authority for that purpose
23 pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the authority pursuant
24 to section 3 of this act.

25 (3) A qualified small to medium-sized business that applies for a
26 loan under the loan program established pursuant to this act shall
27 not be disqualified from qualifying for any other business assistance
28 program administered by the authority or any other State agency by
29 virtue of receiving a loan under the loan program established
30 pursuant to this act.

31 c. A loan to a qualified small to medium-sized business shall:

32 (1) be made pursuant to a loan agreement with the authority;

33 (2) bear interest at lower rates and with more flexible repayment
34 terms than are available to businesses from private lenders through
35 conventional business loans, as deemed appropriate by the
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38 the authority that are consistent with the purposes of this act and
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40 section 3 of this act.

41 d. The authority shall require a qualified small to medium-
42 sized business that receives a loan pursuant to this act to submit an
43 annual audited financial statement to the authority in order to ensure
44 the continued viability of the qualified business. The financial
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48 of this act, showing evidence that:

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2 that is used to provide a reasonable workplace accommodation to an
3 employee with disabilities; and

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5 accommodation is employed by the qualified business on the date of
6 submission of the disclosure statement to the authority.

7 e. The authority may, either through the adoption of rules and
8 regulations, or through the terms of the loan agreement made
9 pursuant to subsection c. of this section, establish terms governing
10 the incidence of default by a qualified small to medium-sized
11 business that receives a loan under the loan program established
12 pursuant to this act.

13 f. The authority may participate in, cooperate with, and utilize
14 any programs of any agency or instrumentality of the federal
15 government, or of any loan or other program of the authority or any
16 other State agency in the administration of the loan program
17 established pursuant to this act.

18 g. The authority shall advertise to the public of the availability
19 of the provision of loans to qualified small to medium-sized
20 businesses and other provisions of the loan program established
21 pursuant to this act in a manner determined by the authority¹,¹.

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23 3. The authority shall adopt, pursuant to the “Administrative
24 Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and
25 regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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27 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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33 Requires EDA to establish loan program to assist certain
34 businesses with funding to provide reasonable accommodations for
employees with disabilities.

SENATE, No. 4210

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 2, 2021

Sponsored by:

Senator STEPHEN M. SWEENEY

District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Diegnan

SYNOPSIS

Requires EDA to establish loan program to assist certain businesses with funding to provide reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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STATEMENT

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22 This bill requires the New Jersey Economic Development
23 Authority (authority) to establish and administer a low-interest loan
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24 government, or of any loan or other program of the authority or any
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27 the provision of loans to qualified businesses and other provisions
28 of the loan program in a manner determined by the authority.

SENATE ECONOMIC GROWTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 4210

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2021

The Senate Economic Growth Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 4210, with committee amendments.

As amended and reported, this bill requires the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (authority) to establish and administer a low-interest loan program (loan program) to provide loans to qualified small to medium-sized businesses, with the loan funds being used to pay for the cost of reasonable workplace accommodations for employees with disabilities.

Under the bill, a qualified small to medium-sized business (qualified business) seeking a loan is to apply to the authority, in a form and manner as determined by the authority, and is to include information concerning the proposed accessibility improvements that the loan funds will be used to make, along with any additional information the authority deems necessary for participation in the loan program. The authority is to review completed applications and approve those applications that meet the requirements provided in the bill. In order to receive a loan from the authority, a business is to be deemed by the authority to meet the criteria of a qualified business and meet any other criteria established by the authority for that purpose pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the authority. A qualified business that applies for a loan under the loan program is not to be disqualified from participating in any other business assistance program administered by the authority or any other State agency by virtue of receiving a loan under the loan program.

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The authority is to publicly advertise the availability of the loans to qualified businesses and other provisions of the loan program in a manner determined by the authority.

The committee amended the bill's requirements for "qualified small to medium-sized business" to include businesses with a net income of not more than \$1,000,000, instead of \$100,000. The amendments also make an additional correction for punctuation.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 4210

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 16, 2021

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 4210 (1R).

This bill requires the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (authority) to establish and administer a low-interest loan program (loan program) to provide loans to qualified small to medium-sized businesses, with the loan funds being used to pay for the cost of reasonable workplace accommodations for employees with disabilities.

Under the bill, a qualified small to medium-sized business (qualified business) seeking a loan is to apply to the authority, in a form and manner as determined by the authority, and is to include information concerning the proposed accessibility improvements that the loan funds will be used to make, along with any additional information the authority deems necessary for participation in the loan program. The authority is to review completed applications and approve those applications that meet the requirements provided in the bill. In order to receive a loan from the authority, a business is to be deemed by the authority to meet the criteria of a qualified business and meet any other criteria established by the authority for that purpose pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the authority. A qualified business that applies for a loan under the loan program is not to be disqualified from participating in any other business assistance program administered by the authority or any other State agency by virtue of receiving a loan under the loan program.

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The authority is to publicly advertise the availability of the loans to qualified businesses and other provisions of the loan program in a manner determined by the authority.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services finds that the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) will incur indeterminate annual increased costs to establish and administer the loan program. The magnitude of the annual cost increases will depend upon the number of loan applications received each year, amounts requested by qualified small to medium-sized businesses, and the source of the loan program funding, which cannot be known at this point.

The EDA will realize indeterminate annual increased revenues in the form of loan repayments from qualified businesses that are issued the low-interest loans, including any fees or other borrowing costs imposed pursuant to the terms of the loan agreements. The amount of the revenue increase will depend upon the interest rates and fees charged to borrowers, the total amount of loans issued, and the eventual loan default rate. None of this information can be projected at this point because the EDA is given discretion to design the loan program as it deems appropriate, with the only significant financial conditions being that the loans bear interest at lower rates and with more flexible repayment terms than are available from private lenders through conventional business loans.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 4210

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2022

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 4210 (1R).

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As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 4210 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 6062 (1R), which also was reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) will incur indeterminate annual increased costs to establish and administer the loan program. The magnitude of the annual cost increases will depend upon the number of loan applications received each year, amounts requested by qualified small to medium-sized businesses, and the source of the loan program funding, which cannot be known at this point.

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 4210 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 22, 2021

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires EDA to establish loan program to assist certain businesses with funding to provide reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities.
- Type of Impact:** Annual increases in State revenues and expenditures.
- Agencies Affected:** New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Annual</u>
State Cost Increase	Indeterminate
State Revenue Increase	Indeterminate

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BILL DESCRIPTION

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that the EDA will incur indeterminate annual increased costs to establish and administer the loan program. The administrative costs will include the cost of setting loan terms and conditions, designing loan applications, advertising the loan program to qualified businesses, processing loan applications, reviewing applicant credit, making loan determinations, and then administering the loans themselves.

The EDA will realize indeterminate annual increased revenues in the form of loan repayments from qualified businesses that borrow from the program, including any fees or other borrowing costs imposed pursuant to the terms of the loan agreements. The bill gives the EDA discretion to determine appropriate low-interest loan rates and terms, so it is not clear how many fees and other charges the EDA will impose on borrowers. Although the bill requires that the loans bear lower interest rates and more flexible terms than are available to businesses from private lenders through conventional business loans, if the charges are too great and qualified businesses have access to cheaper funding alternatives through the other EDA or federal programs or subsidies, then it is unlikely that many qualified businesses will participate in the loan program. If the subsidies are too great, then the EDA will be at risk of realizing losses on the loan program. Although it is possible that the EDA will realize some net cost under the program, the magnitude of net State costs or revenues are indeterminate due to a lack of foreknowledge about how the EDA will structure the loan program and the eventual size of the program.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications

*Analyst: Sheree D. Henderson
Lead Counsel*

*Approved: Thomas Koenig
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

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

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

ASSEMBLY, No. 6062

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman LOUIS D. GREENWALD

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Assemblywoman ANGELA V. MCKNIGHT

District 31 (Hudson)

Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI

District 33 (Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Benson and Assemblywoman Vainieri Huttle

SYNOPSIS

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2 businesses to fund the costs of providing reasonable workplace
3 accommodations for employees with disabilities and
4 supplementing P.L.1974, c.180 (C.34:1B-1 et seq.).
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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. As used in this act:

10 “Authority” means the New Jersey Economic Development
11 Authority established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1974, c.80
12 (C.34:1B-4).

13 “Employee with disabilities” means an individual with
14 disabilities, as determined pursuant to State or federal law, who is
15 employed by a qualified small to medium-sized business and who
16 requires reasonable accommodation from the qualified business to
17 perform the essential functions of a job at the qualified business.

18 “Qualified small to medium-sized business” or “qualified
19 business” means a business that:

20 a. is registered to do business in this State;

21 b. maintains a business location or otherwise derives a majority
22 of its income from business activities or operations conducted
23 within this State;

24 c. has no more than 100 employees in any calendar month
25 during the taxable year in which the business is conducted or
26 operated for a profit; and

27 d. has a net income of not more than \$100,000 from all
28 business activities or operations conducted within and outside of
29 this State during the taxable year in which the business applies for a
30 loan under loan program established pursuant to section 2 of this
31 act.

32 “Reasonable workplace accommodation” means any change to
33 the application or hiring process for a job with a qualified small to
34 medium-sized business, to the way in which the job is performed, or
35 to the work environment that allows an employee with disabilities
36 who is qualified for the job to perform the essential functions of
37 that job and enjoy equal employment opportunities. “Reasonable
38 workplace accommodation” shall not create an undue hardship to
39 the qualified business.
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41 2. a. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority shall
42 establish and administer a loan program to assist qualified small to
43 medium-sized businesses in funding the costs of providing
44 reasonable workplace accommodations for employees with
45 disabilities.

46 b. (1) A small to medium-sized business seeking a loan
47 pursuant to this section shall apply to the authority, in a form and
48 manner as determined by the authority, and shall include

1 information concerning the proposed accessibility improvements
2 that the loan funds will be used to make, along with any additional
3 information that the authority determines is necessary for
4 participation in the loan program established pursuant to the
5 provisions of this act.

6 (2) The authority shall review completed applications and
7 approve those applications that meet the requirements of this act. In
8 order to receive a loan from the authority pursuant to this act, the
9 small to medium-sized business shall be deemed by the authority to
10 meet the criteria of a qualified small to medium-sized business and
11 any other criteria established by the authority for that purpose
12 pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the authority pursuant
13 to section 3 of this act.

14 (3) A qualified small to medium-sized business that applies for a
15 loan under the loan program established pursuant to this act shall
16 not be disqualified from qualifying for any other business assistance
17 program administered by the authority or any other State agency by
18 virtue of receiving a loan under the loan program established
19 pursuant to this act.

20 c. A loan to a qualified small to medium-sized business shall:

21 (1) be made pursuant to a loan agreement with the authority;

22 (2) bear interest at lower rates and with more flexible repayment
23 terms than are available to businesses from private lenders through
24 conventional business loans, as deemed appropriate by the
25 authority; and

26 (3) contain other terms and conditions considered appropriate by
27 the authority that are consistent with the purposes of this act and
28 with rules and regulations adopted by the authority pursuant to
29 section 3 of this act.

30 d. The authority shall require a qualified small to medium-
31 sized business that receives a loan pursuant to this act to submit an
32 annual audited financial statement to the authority in order to ensure
33 the continued viability of the qualified business. The financial
34 statement shall be accompanied by a disclosure statement from the
35 qualified business, on a form and in a manner determined by the
36 authority under rules and regulations adopted pursuant to section 3
37 of this act, showing evidence that:

38 (1) the qualified business purchased and installed equipment
39 that is used to provide a reasonable workplace accommodation to an
40 employee with disabilities; and

41 (2) an employee with disabilities provided with an
42 accommodation is employed by the qualified business on the date of
43 submission of the disclosure statement to the authority.

44 e. The authority may, either through the adoption of rules and
45 regulations, or through the terms of the loan agreement made
46 pursuant to subsection c. of this section, establish terms governing
47 the incidence of default by a qualified small to medium-sized

1 business that receives a loan under the loan program established
2 pursuant to this act.

3 f. The authority may participate in, cooperate with, and utilize
4 any programs of any agency or instrumentality of the federal
5 government, or of any loan or other program of the authority or any
6 other State agency in the administration of the loan program
7 established pursuant to this act.

8 g. The authority shall advertise to the public of the availability
9 of the provision of loans to qualified small to medium-sized
10 businesses and other provisions of the loan program established
11 pursuant to this act in a manner determined by the authority,.

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13 3. The authority shall adopt, pursuant to the “Administrative
14 Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and
15 regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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17 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill requires the New Jersey Economic Development
23 Authority (authority) to establish and administer a low-interest loan
24 program (loan program) to provide loans to qualified small to
25 medium-sized businesses, with the loan funds being used to pay for
26 the cost of reasonable workplace accommodations for their
27 employees with disabilities.

28 Under the bill, a qualified small to medium-sized business
29 (qualified business) seeking a loan is to apply to the authority, in a
30 form and manner as determined by the authority, and is to include
31 information concerning the proposed accessibility improvements
32 that the loan funds will be used to make, along with any additional
33 information as the authority determines is necessary for
34 participation in the loan program. The authority is to review
35 completed applications and approve those applications that meet the
36 requirements provided in the bill. In order to receive a loan from the
37 authority, a business is to be deemed by the authority to meet the
38 criteria of a qualified business and meet any other criteria
39 established by the authority for that purpose pursuant to rules and
40 regulations adopted by the authority. A qualified business that
41 applies for a loan under the loan program is not to be disqualified
42 from qualifying for any other business assistance program
43 administered by the authority or any other State agency by virtue of
44 receiving a loan under the loan program.

45 The bill requires that a loan to a qualified business is to:

46 1) be made pursuant to a loan agreement with the authority;

47 2) bear interest at lower rates and with more flexible repayment
48 terms than are available to businesses from private lenders through

1 conventional business loans, as deemed appropriate by the
2 authority; and

3 3) contain other terms and conditions considered appropriate by
4 the authority that are consistent with the purposes of the bill and
5 with rules and regulations adopted by the authority.

6 The authority is to require a qualified business that receives a
7 loan to submit an annual audited financial statement to the authority
8 in order to ensure the continued viability of the qualified business.
9 The financial statement is to be accompanied by a disclosure
10 statement from a qualified business, on a form and in a manner
11 determined by the authority, showing evidence that:

12 1) the qualified business purchased and installed equipment
13 that is used to provide a reasonable workplace accommodation to an
14 employee with disabilities; and

15 2) an employee with disabilities that is being provided with an
16 accommodation is employed by the qualified business on the date of
17 submission of the disclosure statement to the authority.

18 The authority may, either through the adoption of rules and
19 regulations, or through the terms of the loan agreement, establish
20 terms governing the incidence of default by a qualified business that
21 receives a loan under the loan program.

22 The authority may participate in, cooperate with, and utilize any
23 program of any agency or instrumentality of the federal
24 government, or of any loan or other program of the authority or any
25 other State agency in the administration of the loan program.

26 The authority is to advertise to the public of the availability of
27 the provision of loans to qualified businesses and other provisions
28 of the loan program in a manner determined by the authority.

ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 6062

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 9, 2021

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 6062.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (authority) to establish and administer a low-interest loan program (loan program) to provide loans to qualified small to medium-sized businesses, with the loan funds being used to pay for the cost of reasonable workplace accommodations for their employees with disabilities.

Under the bill, a qualified small to medium-sized business (qualified business) seeking a loan is to apply to the authority, in a form and manner as determined by the authority, and is to include information concerning the proposed accessibility improvements that the loan funds will be used to make, along with any additional information as the authority determines is necessary for participation in the loan program. The authority is to review completed applications and approve those applications that meet the requirements provided in the bill. In order to receive a loan from the authority, a business is to be deemed by the authority to meet the criteria of a qualified business and meet any other criteria established by the authority for that purpose pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the authority. A qualified business that applies for a loan under the loan program is not to be disqualified from qualifying for any other business assistance program administered by the authority or any other State agency by virtue of receiving a loan under the loan program.

The bill requires that a loan to a qualified business is to:

- 1) be made pursuant to a loan agreement with the authority;
- 2) bear interest at lower rates and with more flexible repayment terms than are available to businesses from private lenders through conventional business loans, as deemed appropriate by the authority; and
- 3) contain other terms and conditions considered appropriate by the authority that are consistent with the purposes of the bill and with rules and regulations adopted by the authority.

The authority is to require a qualified business that receives a loan to submit an annual audited financial statement to the authority in order to ensure the continued viability of the qualified business. The financial statement is to be accompanied by a disclosure statement from a qualified business, on a form and in a manner determined by the authority, showing evidence that:

1) the qualified business purchased and installed equipment that is used to provide a reasonable workplace accommodation to an employee with disabilities; and

2) an employee with disabilities that is being provided with an accommodation is employed by the qualified business on the date of submission of the disclosure statement to the authority.

The authority may, either through the adoption of rules and regulations, or through the terms of the loan agreement, establish terms governing the incidence of default by a qualified business that receives a loan under the loan program.

The authority may participate in, cooperate with, and utilize any program of any agency or instrumentality of the federal government, or of any loan or other program of the authority or any other State agency in the administration of the loan program.

The authority is to advertise to the public of the availability of the provision of loans to qualified businesses and other provisions of the loan program in a manner determined by the authority.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill's requirements for "qualified small to medium-sized business" to include businesses with a net income of not more than \$1,000,000, instead of \$100,000 as originally provided in the bill.

The committee amendments also make a technical correction involving punctuation and grammar.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 6062

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2022

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 6062 (1R).

This bill requires the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (authority) to establish and administer a low-interest loan program (loan program) to provide loans to qualified small to medium-sized businesses, with the loan funds being used to pay for the cost of reasonable workplace accommodations for their employees with disabilities.

Under the bill, a qualified small to medium-sized business (qualified business) seeking a loan is to apply to the authority, in a form and manner as determined by the authority, and is to include information concerning the proposed accessibility improvements that the loan funds will be used to make, along with any additional information as the authority determines is necessary for participation in the loan program. The authority is to review completed applications and approve those applications that meet the requirements provided in the bill. In order to receive a loan from the authority, a business is to be deemed by the authority to meet the criteria of a qualified business and meet any other criteria established by the authority for that purpose pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the authority. A qualified business that applies for a loan under the loan program is not to be disqualified from qualifying for any other business assistance program administered by the authority or any other State agency by virtue of receiving a loan under the loan program.

The bill requires that a loan to a qualified business is to:

- 1) be made pursuant to a loan agreement with the authority;
- 2) bear interest at lower rates and with more flexible repayment terms than are available to businesses from private lenders through conventional business loans, as deemed appropriate by the authority; and
- 3) contain other terms and conditions considered appropriate by the authority that are consistent with the purposes of the bill and with rules and regulations adopted by the authority.

The authority is to require a qualified business that receives a loan to submit an annual audited financial statement to the authority

in order to ensure the continued viability of the qualified business. The financial statement is to be accompanied by a disclosure statement from a qualified business, on a form and in a manner determined by the authority, showing evidence that:

- 1) the qualified business purchased and installed equipment that is used to provide a reasonable workplace accommodation to an employee with disabilities; and
- 2) an employee with disabilities that is being provided with an accommodation is employed by the qualified business on the date of submission of the disclosure statement to the authority.

The authority may, either through the adoption of rules and regulations, or through the terms of the loan agreement, establish terms governing the incidence of default by a qualified business that receives a loan under the loan program.

The authority may participate in, cooperate with, and utilize any program of any agency or instrumentality of the federal government, or of any loan or other program of the authority or any other State agency in the administration of the loan program.

The authority is to advertise to the public of the availability of the provision of loans to qualified businesses and other provisions of the loan program in a manner determined by the authority.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 6062 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 4210 (1R), which also was reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) will incur indeterminate annual increased costs to establish and administer the loan program. The magnitude of the annual cost increases will depend upon the number of loan applications received each year, amounts requested by qualified small to medium-sized businesses, and the source of the loan program funding, which cannot be known at this point.

The EDA will realize indeterminate annual increased revenues in the form of loan repayments from qualified businesses that are issued the low-interest loans, including any fees or other borrowing costs imposed pursuant to the terms of the loan agreements. The amount of the revenue increase will depend upon the interest rates and fees charged to borrowers, the total amount of loans issued, and the eventual loan default rate. None of this information can be projected at this point because the EDA is given discretion to design the loan program as it deems appropriate, with the only significant financial conditions being that the loans bear interest at lower rates and with more flexible repayment terms than are available from private lenders through conventional business loans.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 6062

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 10, 2022

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires EDA to establish loan program to assist certain businesses with funding to provide reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities.
- Type of Impact:** Annual increases in State revenues and expenditures.
- Agencies Affected:** New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Annual</u>
State Cost Increase	Indeterminate
State Revenue Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) will incur indeterminate annual increased costs to establish and administer the loan program. The magnitude of the annual cost increases will depend upon the number of loan applications received each year, amounts requested by qualified small to medium-sized businesses, and the source of the loan program funding, which cannot be known at this point.
- The EDA will realize indeterminate annual increased revenues in the form of loan repayments from qualified businesses that are issued the low-interest loans, including any fees or other borrowing costs imposed pursuant to the terms of the loan agreements. The amount of the revenue increase will depend upon the interest rates and fees charged to borrowers, the total amount of loans issued, and the eventual loan default rate. None of this information can be projected at this point because the EDA is given discretion to design the loan program as it deems appropriate, with the only significant financial conditions being that the loans bear interest at lower rates and with more flexible repayment terms than are available from private lenders through conventional business loans.

BILL DESCRIPTION

The bill requires the EDA to establish and administer a low-interest loan program to provide loans to qualified businesses, with the loan funds being used to pay for the cost of reasonable workplace accommodations for employees with disabilities.

The EDA is to review completed applications and approve those applications that meet the requirements provided in the bill.

The bill requires that a loan to a qualified business:

- 1) be made pursuant to a loan agreement with the EDA;
- 2) bear interest at lower rates and with more flexible repayment terms than are available to businesses from private lenders through conventional business loans; and
- 3) contain other terms and conditions considered appropriate by the authority.

The EDA is to require a qualified business that receives a loan to submit an annual audited financial statement to the authority in order to ensure the continued viability of the qualified business.

The authority is to publicly advertise the availability of the loans to qualified businesses and other provisions of the loan program in a manner determined by the EDA.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that the EDA will incur indeterminate annual increased costs to establish and administer the loan program. The administrative costs will include the cost of setting loan terms and conditions, designing loan applications, advertising the loan program to qualified businesses, processing loan applications, reviewing applicant credit, making loan determinations, and then administering the loans themselves.

The EDA will realize indeterminate annual increased revenues in the form of loan repayments from qualified businesses that borrow from the program, including any fees or other borrowing costs imposed pursuant to the terms of the loan agreements. The bill gives the EDA discretion to determine appropriate low-interest loan rates and terms, so it is not clear how many fees and other charges the EDA will impose on borrowers. Although the bill requires that the loans bear lower interest rates and more flexible terms than are available to businesses from private lenders through conventional business loans, if the charges are too great and qualified businesses have access to cheaper funding alternatives through the other EDA or federal programs or subsidies, then it is unlikely that many qualified businesses will participate in the loan program. If the subsidies are too great, then the EDA will be at risk of realizing losses on the loan program. Although it is possible that the EDA will realize some net cost under the program, the magnitude of net State costs or revenues are indeterminate due to a lack of foreknowledge about how the EDA will structure the loan program and the eventual size of the program.

Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications

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

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

Governor Murphy Signs Legislation to Enhance Employment Opportunities and Training Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities

01/18/2022

TRENTON – Governor Murphy today signed a series of bills to enhance employment opportunities, training, and other supports for individuals with disabilities.

“All New Jerseyans deserve equal access to community supports and opportunities,” **said Governor Murphy**. “Prioritizing the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in the workplace is a critical step forward in ensuring that our state is stronger and fairer for everyone. These essential measures recognize the significant contributions that disabled individuals provide to our economy, will expand access to training and new employment opportunities, and positively impact the lives of many of our residents.”

“Governor Murphy’s signing of A6062 today brings us closer to achieving his vision for economic equity and inclusiveness by creating more and better work opportunities for people with disabilities,” **said NJEDA Chief Executive Officer Tim Sullivan**. “This legislation will benefit both employers and employees by enabling small- and medium-sized businesses to hire from an expanded pool of talent.”

Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

S-4102/A-6230 (Sweeney, Ruiz/Benson, Mejia, Zwicker) – Establishes Direct Support Professional Career Development Program; appropriates \$1,000,000

S-4210/A-6062 (Sweeney, Greenstein/Greenwald, McKnight, Mukherji) – Requires EDA to establish loan program to assist certain businesses with funding to provide reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities.

S-4211/A-6228 (Sweeney, Corrado/Benson, Speight, Zwicker) – Establishes county college-based adult centers for transition for individuals with developmental disabilities; makes annual appropriation of \$4.5 million.

A-5294/S-3418 (Speight, Vainieri Huttle, Verrelli/Gopal, Madden) – Provides fast track hiring and advancement employment opportunities by State for persons with significant disabilities.

A-5296/S-3426 (Speight, Vainieri Huttle, McKnight/T. Kean, Schepisi) – Provides for employment by State of certain persons with disabilities.

A-5336wGR/S-3441 (Benson, Freiman, Vainieri Huttle/Diegnan, Madden) – Requires DHS to establish payment programs for purchase of transportation services from private sector and government transportation service providers.

“These laws will ensure that New Jersey continues to make real progress in improving the lives and livelihoods of those with developmental disabilities,” **said former Senate President Steve Sweeney**. “They will help facilitate the transition of the disabled at a critical time in their lives and make reasonable workplace accommodations so they can maintain life-affirming employment. This is about equal

opportunities for the disabled so they can live full, rewarding lives as contributing members of society.”

“Hiring and employment statistics tell us what we have long known, which is that individuals with disabilities are too often underrepresented and overlooked in the New Jersey workforce, while also experiencing higher rates of poverty,” **said Senator Vin Gopal**. “This measure will help us begin to break that cycle.”

“Signing this bill into law will provide invaluable opportunities, allowing persons with disabilities to learn new skills and receive benefits through internships as well as employment in the public sector. In the meantime, the State can benefit from the unique contributions these individuals can make as employees,” **said Senator Fred Madden**.

“Public transit services can pose many accessibility problems and in New Jersey, and signing this bill is an active step to eliminate those issues,” **continued Senator Madden**. “With a set budget outlined and a program that assists some of our most vulnerable residents, we can expand accessibility for New Jersey public transportation.”

“It is time to stop abandoning special needs individuals when they reach age 21 and devote more energy to teaching them how to live productive, responsible adult lives,” **said Senator Kristin Corrado**. “This new program will change lives for individuals with developmental disabilities who have aged out of traditional support programs. The centers will help students progress to postsecondary education and develop life skills necessary for them to find employment and live independently as adults.”

“It’s clear from the available data that New Jerseyans with disabilities are an underrepresented segment in public employment. This legislation will help rectify that issue and improve the lives of some of our most vulnerable citizens,” **said Senator Holly Schepisi**. “By allowing the state to more effectively recruit, hire, and promote people with disabilities in the workplace, we will help create a more inclusive policy for these individuals and provide better job opportunities for them in the future.”

“People with disabilities often struggle to find employment at higher [rates](#) than their non-disabled peers. Although there are several factors that contribute to this disparity, one major reason is a lack of accessibility. People with disabilities are excluded from countless job opportunities when employers do not or cannot provide the tools necessary to perform the job,” **said Assemblymembers Greenwald, McKnight, and Mukherji in a joint statement on A-6062**. “Enabling business owners to provide those accommodations would help more residents find work that could adapt to their unique needs, while expanding the pool of qualified candidates from which employers could hire. Ensuring equity in the workplace is not only beneficial for everyone, but is ultimately our responsibility.”

“As the COVID-19 pandemic carries on, it is more important than ever to ensure that our residents with developmental disabilities have the tools they need to transition out of our public school system and successfully take on the world. Disruptions to the school year have only added to the stress that many students with developmental disabilities feel as they age out of the public school system and are forced to adjust to a new normal. We have the opportunity to provide these individuals with much needed support that will put them in a better position to lead independent and rewarding lives by securing an education or joining the workforce,” **said Assemblymembers Benson, Speight, and Zwicker in a joint statement on A-6228**. “Instead of abandoning our residents with special needs, this law will let us continue to support them with trained direct support professionals as well as services, programs and resources that will make a difference.”

“It is unfair that members of the disability community are constantly relying on expensive ride-share services to get to and from doctors’ appointments,” **said Assemblymembers Benson, Freiman, and Vainieri Huttel in a joint statement on A-5336**. “Studying this issue will help us find the best solutions to

this problem and make those solutions a reality, such as creating payment plan options for various transportation services that would fit the unique needs and schedules of members of the disability community.”

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/18/2022

TRENTON – Governor Murphy today signed the following bills:

S-384/A-1964 (Weinberg, Singleton/Stanley, Munoz, McKeon, Sumter, Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Wimberly, Mosquera, Downey, Chiaravalloti) – Expands training for judges, law enforcement officers and assistant county prosecutors concerning handling of domestic violence cases

S-386/A-1763 (Weinberg, Singleton/Munoz, Vainieri Huttle, Downey, Mosquera, Lampitt, Benson) - Establishes mandatory domestic violence training for municipal prosecutors

S-396/A-4903 (Weinberg, Addiego/Johnson, Mukherji) – Adjusts statute of limitations on damage claim for construction defect in common interest communities

S-705/A-1077 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Speight, Vainieri Huttle, Downey) – Requires DOH to develop and implement plan to improve access to perinatal mood and anxiety disorder screening

SCS for S-844 and 2533/ACS for A-4635 (Pou, Greenstein/Zwicker, Lopez) – Revises reporting requirements for charitable organizations and non-profit corporations

S-867/A-2316 (Pou/Jimenez, Giblin, Johnson) – Permits physical therapists to perform dry needling under certain circumstances

S-896/A-2396 (Pou, Turner/Wimberly, Timberlake, Murphy) – Expands Office of Public Defender representation of juveniles; repeals section 4 of P.L.1968, c.371

S-969WGR/ACS for A-2687 (Ruiz, Turner/Mazzeo, Lampitt, Moen) – Establishes loan redemption program for certain teachers to redeem loan amounts received under New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students Loan Program through employment in certain schools; makes annual appropriation of \$1 million

S-994/A-6248 (Sweeney, Singleton/Lopez) – Requires State agencies and political subdivisions to make good faith effort to purchase five percent of goods and services from Central Nonprofit Agency

SCS for S-1016/ACS for A-2070 (Smith, Bateman/Calabrese, Mukherji, Benson) – Restricts use of neonicotinoid pesticides

S-1020/AS for ACS for A-1184 and 4414 (Ruiz, Gopal/Zwicker, Conaway, Verrelli, Caputo) – Requires School Report Card to include demographic breakdown of students who receive disciplinary actions; requires Commissioner of Education to establish Statewide database concerning certain disciplinary actions

S-1559/A-1659 (Scutari, Diegnan/Quijano, Bramnick, Mukherji, Sumter, Downey, Dancer) – “New Jersey Insurance Fair Conduct Act”

S-1771/A-1489 (Madden, Turner/Moriarty, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle) – Expressly prohibits invasive examination of unconscious patient by health care practitioner without patient’s prior informed written consent

S-2160wGR/A-5701 (Sweeney, Oroho, Singer/Carter, Lampitt, Jasey) – Creates special education unit within the Office of Administrative Law; requires annual report

SCS for S-2515/ACS for A-4676 (Smith, Greenstein/Quijano, Jasey, McKeon) – Establishes postconsumer recycled content requirements for rigid plastic containers, glass containers, paper and plastic carryout bags, and plastic trash bags; prohibits sale of polystyrene loose fill packaging

S-2723/A-2614 (Sweeney, Turner/Murphy, Benson, Timberlake) – “21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act”

S-2830/A-5291 (Ruiz, Singleton/Quijano) – Requires educator preparation program to report passing rates of students who complete certain tests and to disseminate information on test fee waiver programs, and permits collection of student fee for certain testing costs

S-2835/A-5292 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Quijano, Lampitt, Jasey) – Requires compilation of data and issuance of annual reports on New Jersey teacher workforce

S-2921/A-5554 (Gopal, Greenstein/Houghtaling, Downey, Mukherji) – Allows municipalities to designate outdoor areas upon which people may consume alcoholic beverages

S-3009/A-4847 (Vitale, Gopal, Gill/Vainieri Huttle, Quijano, Verrelli) – Authorizes expanded provision of harm reduction services to distribute sterile syringes and provide certain support services to persons who use drugs intravenously

S-3081/A-5219 (Singleton/McKeon, Dunn) – Repeals law concerning excess rates and charges for title insurance; makes agreement to use services of title or settlement service company subject to attorney review

S-3164/A-4987 (Gopal, Singleton/Houghtaling, Vainieri Huttle, Giblin) – Creates NJ Legislative Youth Council

S-3265/A-5074 (Diegnan, Greenstein/DeAngelo, Dancer, Mukherji) – Permits members of SPRS to purchase service credit for prior public employment with federal government or another state

S-3342/A-5463 (Codey, Singleton/Jasey, Giblin, Timberlake) – Directs NJT to erect statue in honor of A. Philip Randolph; appropriates \$90,000

S-3465/A-4336 (Oroho, Sweeney/Houghtaling, Space) – Directs Department of Agriculture to pay annual premiums to enrolled dairy farmers for certain coverage under the federal Dairy Margin Coverage Program; appropriates \$125,000

S-3488wGR/A-5537 (Sweeney, Gopal, O'Scanlon/Burzichelli, Dancer, Spearman) – Modifies certain procedures pertaining to school district regionalization; establishes grant program for cost reimbursement of conducting regionalization feasibility studies; and provides financial incentives for regionalization

S-3493/A-5458 (Vitale, Gill/Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji, McKnight) – Permits expungement of possession or distribution of hypodermic syringe or needle offense in cases of previous expungement; repeals criminal offense of possession of syringe

S-3539/A5409 (T. Kean, Gopal/Houghtaling) – Directs DEP to establish grant program for local governments to support development of community gardens

S-3594/A-5509 (Singleton, Scutari/Zwicker, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli) – Provides that in personal

injury or wrongful death lawsuits, calculations of lost or impaired earnings capacity not be reduced because of race, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, or affectional or sexual orientation

S-3672/A-6009 (Singleton, Turner, Moen, Johnson, McKnight) – Permits exemption from civil service examination requirement for entry-level law enforcement officers, sheriff's officers, and State and county correctional police officers; permits hiring or appointment of such officers under certain conditions, and makes appropriation

S-3673/A-6219 (Gopal, Greenstein/Burzichelli) – Authorizes limited breweries and craft distilleries to sell at retail and offer for sampling purposes product bottled and stored off-site under certain circumstances

S-3685/A-5576 (Ruiz, Codey/Jasey, Lampitt, Mukherji) – Permits teacher and professional staff member who provides special services retired from TPAF to return to employment for up to two years without reenrollment in TPAF if employment commences during 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years

S-3707/A-5673 (Vitale, Ruiz/Vainieri Huttle, Downey, Zwicker) – Repeals statute criminalizing sexual penetration while infected with venereal disease or HIV under certain circumstances; requires that in prosecutions for endangering another by creating substantial risk of transmitting infectious disease, name of defendant and other person be kept confidential

S-3764/A-3369 (Gopal, Weinberg/Johnson, Stanley, Karabinchak) – Establishes Commission on Asian American Heritage in DOE

S-3810/ACS for A-5862 (Sweeney, Addiego, Greenstein/Benson, Quijano) – "Responsible Collective Negotiations Act"

S-3968/A-5930 (Singleton, Beach/Sumter, Karabinchak) – Increases purchasing threshold permitting Director of Division of Purchase and Property to delegate authority to agencies; increases bid advertising threshold on certain contracts by same scale

S-3975/A-5963 (Greenstein, Oroho/Benson, Vainieri Huttle, DeAngelo) – Establishes requirements to commence screening newborn infants for congenital cytomegalovirus infection; establishes public awareness campaign

S-4004wGR/A-5950 (Weinberg, Greenstein/Sumter, Benson, Reynolds-Jackson) – Establishes database of certain appointed positions and elected offices

S-4020/A-5867 (Gopal, Cunningham/Chiaravalloti, Jasey, Carter) – Expands bonding authority of New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority to permit financing for general funding needs at New Jersey's institutions of higher education

S-4021/A-6100 (Gopal, Ruiz/Mukherji, Jasey, Timberlake, Stanley) – Requires school districts to provide instruction on history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders as part of implementation of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies

S-4043/A-6005 (Cunningham/Jasey, Greenwald) – Raises statutory threshold for certain public bidding, permits bidder disqualification due to prior negative experience, adds exemptions to public bidding requirement under "State College Contracts Law," and establishes process for cooperative pricing system

S-4063/A-6220 (Sweeney/Giblin, Egan) – Removes New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission from appropriations act provision that limits compensation and health benefits; clarifies PERS and SHBP eligibility for members of commission

S-4068/ACS for A-6110 and 6185 (Sarlo, Oroho/Benson, Mukherji, Bramnick) – Revises elective pass-through entity business alternative income tax

S-4074wGR/A-6000 (Ruiz, Beach/Verrelli, Lampitt, Carter) – Allows alternative evaluation in place of basic skills testing requirements for certain teacher certification

SCS for S-4102/A-6230 (Sweeney, Ruiz/Benson, Mejia, Zwicker) – Establishes Direct Support Professional Career Development Program; appropriates \$1,000,000

S-4128/A-6231 (Sweeney, Pou/Houghtaling, Conaway, Dancer) – Requires that only fruits and vegetables grown and packaged in NJ may be labeled by food retailers as local to State

S-4207/A-6119 (Sweeney, Beach/Mukherji, Egan, Pintor Marin) – Concerns apprenticeship programs of public works contractors

S-4210/A-6062 (Sweeney, Greenstein/Greenwald, McKnight, Mukherji) – Requires EDA to establish loan program to assist certain businesses with funding to provide reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities

S-4211/A-6228 (Sweeney, Corrado/Benson, Speight, Zwicker) – Establishes county college-based adult centers for transition for individuals with developmental disabilities; makes annual appropriation of \$4.5 million

S-4218/A-6256 (Scutari/Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Mukherji) – Appropriates \$2 million to CRDA to support costs associated with hosting NAACP National Convention in Atlantic City

S-4233/A-6229 (Scutari, Gopal/Mukherji, Jimenez) – Limits fees charged to patients and authorized third parties for copies of medical and billing records

S-4252/A-6182 (Madden/Murphy, Chaparro) – Limits extension of mandatory retirement to 90 days from State Police Retirement System during emergencies

A-259/S-2224 (DeAngelo, Mukherji, Benson/Gopal, Pennacchio) – Provides civil service preference to military service members who did not serve in theater of operation but received campaign or expedition medal

A-798/S-52 (Verrelli, Vainieri Huttel, Armato/Singer, Greenstein) – Establishes local drug overdose fatality review teams

A-802/S-1352 (Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Murphy/Turner, Pou) – Requires certain retailers to train employees on gift card fraud

A-862wGR/S-962 (Chiaravalloti, Karabinchak/Pennacchio, Pou) – Permits municipalities to refund excess property taxes paid by a taxpayer who wins an assessment appeal as a property tax credit

A-953/S-4031 (Karabinchak, Houghtaling/Pou) – Requires architects disclose insurance coverage

ACS for A-998 and 2349/S-4312 (Moen, Downey, Houghtaling, Benson, Vainieri Huttel/Ruiz, Beach, Singleton) – The “New Jersey Social Innovation Act”; establishes social innovation loan pilot program and study commission within EDA

A-1121/S-1871 (Murphy, Dancer, Stanley/Lagana, Pennacchio) – Upgrades certain crimes of misrepresenting oneself as member or veteran of US Armed Forces or organized militia

A-1219wGR/S-1054 (Chaparro, McKnight/Stack) – Requires owner notification of rabies testing protocol prior to testing of owner’s animal for rabies

A-1229wGR/S-2161 (Schaer, Mosquera, Tucker, Lampitt, Vainieri Huttle, Quijano, Wimberly, Pintor Marin, Jasey/Turner, Singleton) – Requires DCA to make information on homeless prevention programs and services available on its Internet website

A-1293/S-3977 (Greenwald, Burzichelli, Mukherji/Greenstein, Gopal) – Establishes advisory council for the brewery, cidery, meadery, and distillery industries in NJ and provides for funding through certain alcoholic beverage tax receipts

A-1663/S-1842 (Quijano, Vainieri Huttle, Karabinchak/Cryan, Scutari) – Establishes “New Jersey Nonprofit Security Grant Program”

A-2186/S-1599 (Mukherji, Chaparro, McKnight/Codey, Pou) – Establishes Statewide database of beds in shelters for the homeless

A-2360/S-3285 (Chaparro, Karabinchak, Johnson/Greenstein, Stack) – Requires electric public utility to charge residential rate for service used by residential customer for electric vehicle charging at charging stations within certain designated parking spaces

A-2685wGR/S-4209 (Armato, Mazzeo, Mukherji/Stack) – Concerns information on property condition disclosure statement

A-2772/S-1040 (Downey, Houghtaling, Benson/Gopal) – Authorizes certain Medicaid recipients residing on post-secondary school campus to participate remotely in meetings of non-medical nature regarding Medicaid benefits

A-2877/S-1149 (Dancer, Vainieri Huttle, Reynolds-Jackson/Ruiz) – Requires registration of certain vacant and abandoned properties with municipalities and provides enforcement tools related to maintenance of these properties

A-3007/S-3127 (Lampitt, Dunn, Benson/Lagana, Gopal) – Requires institutions of higher education to provide students with access to mental health care programs and services and to establish a hotline to provide information concerning the availability of those services

A-3392/S-1219 (Reynolds-Jackson, Timberlake, Jasey/Turner, Beach) – Requires student representative be appointed to each board of education of school district and board of trustees of charter school that includes grades nine through 12

A-3804/S-1590 (Armato, Murphy, S. Kean/Beach, A.M. Bucco) – Designates 9-1-1 operators or dispatchers as 9-1-1 first responder dispatchers

A-3870/S-2807 (Karabinchak, Johnson, Mukherji/Greenstein, Pou) – “Defense Against Porch Pirates Act”; amends theft statute

A-3950wGR/S-3180 (Verrelli, Benson, Zwicker/Greenstein, Turner) – Prohibits employer use of tracking device in vehicle operated by employee under certain circumstances

A-4002wGR/S-2257 (Caputo, Dancer, Murphy/Gopal, Sarlo) – Allows deduction of promotional gaming credit from gross revenue on sports wagering

A-4232/S-4231 (Houghtaling, Dancer, Wirths/Oroho, Smith) – Creates program in Department of Agriculture for deer fencing on certain farmland

A-4238/S-2561 (Chiaravalloti, Schaer, Benson/Gopal, Singer) – Establishes minimum Medicaid reimbursement rate for adult medical day care services

A-4241/S-2894 (Downey, Vainieri Huttle, Murphy/Pou) – Requires DHS to conduct biennial survey of SNAP experience

ACS for A-4253/S-3233 (Conaway, Pinkin, Jimenez/Cryan) – Requires certain electronic medical programs to include demographic data entry feature; requires laboratories to record certain patients' demographic information; requires certain hospitals and laboratories to implement cultural competency training program

A-4366/S-2801 (Taliaferro, Sumter, Mukherji/Pou, Greenstein) – Requires Police Training Commission to contract with crisis intervention training center to provide mental health training to police officers and establish curriculum specific to persons experiencing economic crisis or substance use disorder

A-4434wGR/S-2716 (Greenwald, Lampitt, Mukherji/Beach, Ruiz) – Establishes Student Wellness Grant Program in DOE

A-4478/S2759 (Vainieri Huttle, Speight, Schepisi, DeCroce/Vitale, Madden) – Establishes additional requirements for DOH to assess sanctions and impose penalties on nursing homes; revises reporting requirements for nursing homes

A-4569/S-3535 (Reynolds-Jackson, Benson, Karabinchak/Turner) – Requires BPU, electric power suppliers, and gas suppliers to publish certain information related to filing of customer complaints

ACS for A-4655/S-3595 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly, Carter/Turner) – Limits police presence at polling places and ballot drop boxes; prohibits electioneering within 100 feet of ballot drop box

A-4771/S-2951 (Downey, Armato, Mukherji/Gopal, Singleton) – Expands offenses eligible for expungement upon successful discharge from drug court

A-4856/S-3094 (Lampitt, Benson, Caputo/Ruiz, Beach) – Requires Internet websites and web services of school districts, charter schools, renaissance schools, and the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf to be accessible to persons with disabilities

A-5033wGR/S-3279 (Benson, Dancer, Verrelli/Gopal) – Authorizes motor vehicle dealers to sell motor vehicles online and obtain electronic signatures for motor vehicle transactions

ACS for A-5075wGR/S-4001 (Burzichelli, Dancer, Johnson/Sweeney, A.M. Bucco) – Removes Fire Museum and Fallen Firefighters Memorial from auspices of DEP and establishes museum as independent organization; makes \$200,000 supplemental appropriation

A-5160/S-3324 (DeAngelo, Conaway, Zwicker/Smith, Bateman) – Establishes minimum energy and water efficiency standards for certain products sold, offered for sale, or leased in the State

A-5294/S-3418 (Speight, Vainieri Huttle, Verrelli/Gopal, Madden) – Provides fast track hiring and advancement employment opportunities by State for persons with significant disabilities

A-5296/S-3426 (Speight, Vainieri Huttle, McKnight/T. Kean, Schepisi) – Provides for employment by State of certain persons with disabilities

A-5322/S-3433 (Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle, DePhillips/Cruz-Perez, T. Kean) – Provides for process to vacate and expunge certain arrests, charges, complaints, convictions, other dispositions, and DNA

records, associated with violations by certain human trafficking victims

A-5336wGR/S-3441 (Benson, Freiman, Vainieri Huttie/Diegnan, Madden) – Requires DHS to establish payment programs for purchase of transportation services from private sector and government transportation service providers

A-5439/S-3760 (Caputo, Dancer, Murphy/Gopal, Beach) – Changes deadline for New Jersey Racing Commission's annual report from end of calendar year to end of State fiscal year

A-5694/S-3783 (Houghtaling, Downey, Dancer/Gopal, Madden) – Permits dependents of military member to enroll in school district in advance of military member's relocation to district

A-5814/S-3851 (Swain, Tully, Benson/Lagana, Diegnan) – Creates Office of School Bus Safety in Department of Education; appropriates \$200,000

A-5864wGR/S-3939 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Chaparro, McKnight, DeAngelo, Bergen/Gopal, Cryan) – Allows law enforcement officers to review body worn camera recordings prior to creating initial report

A-5997/S-4084 (Coughlin, Lopez/Sweeney, O'Scanlon) – Removes requirement for Legislature, DOE, free public libraries, and historical societies to purchase "Manual of the Legislature of New Jersey"

A-6012/S-4076 (Moen, Murphy, Freiman/Sarlo, Gopal) – Appropriates \$500,000 for USS New Jersey Commissioning Committee to support commissioning of boat and assigned personnel

A-6020/S-4114 (Conaway, Jimenez, Vainieri Huttie/Codey) – Establishes requirements for certain tobacco product retailers to stock and sell nicotine replacement therapy products

A-6060/S-4272 (Tucker, Caputo, Mukherji/Cunningham) – Makes supplemental appropriation of \$8 million to DHS to increase reimbursement for funeral, burial, and crematory services provided to certain beneficiaries of Work First New Jersey and Supplemental Security Income programs

A-6073/S-4140 (Verrelli/Vitale) – Temporarily waives certain basic life support services crewmember requirements

A-6093/S-4201 (Stanley, Benson, Timberlake/Greenstein, Gopal) – Mandates periodic cancer screening examinations for firefighters enrolled in SHBP

A-6108wGR/S-4247 (DeAngelo, Egan, Houghtaling/Madden) – Updates licenses offered by and certain licensure requirements from Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors

A-6132/S-4235 (Schaer, Greenwald, Conaway/Singer, Gopal) – Permits volunteer paramedics to operate within mobile intensive care units

A-6133/S-4251 (Bramnick, Mukherji, Downey/Scutari) – Allows certain persons not yet appointed as administrator of estate to pursue lawsuit for damages for wrongful death on behalf of deceased's survivors

A-6150/S-4119 (DeAngelo, Karabinchak, Wirths/Oroho, Pou) – Revises penalties for transfer of certain professional and occupational licenses

A-6159/S-4236 (Coughlin, McKnight/Vitale, Ruiz) – Revises and renames Office of Food Insecurity Advocate

A-6162/S-4246 (Benson, Stanley/Gopal) – Requires certain motor vehicle dealers to maintain certain

requirements for business premises

A-6205/S-4270 (Coughlin, McKeon/Pou) – Amends certain requirements concerning insurance holding companies

A-6206wGR/S-4260 (Wimberly/Diegnan, Oroho) – Codifies right of real estate broker-salespersons and salespersons to define relationship with broker as one between broker and independent contractor or employee and enforces current and previous written agreements addressing relationship

A-6207/S-4222 (Greenwald, Lampitt, Benson/Sweeney) – Eliminates requirement for DOE to set certain tuition rates for approved private schools for students with disabilities in certain cases

A-6208/S-4151 (Mosquera, DeAngelo, Armato/Greenstein, Cruz-Perez) – Appropriates \$60,940,361 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for farmland preservation purposes

A-6209/S-4154 (Freiman, Spearman, Egan/Turner, Oroho) – Appropriates \$18 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

A-6210/S-4150 (Taliaferro, Moriarty, Burzichelli/Cruz-Perez, Greenstein) – Appropriates \$4.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

A-6211/S-4149 (Houghtaling, Reynolds-Jackson, Downey/Cruz-Perez, Greenstein) – Appropriates \$440,240 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

A-6212/S-4148 (Jimenez, Swain, Timberlake/Codey, Corrado) – Appropriates \$54.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

A-6213/S-4155 (Kennedy, Carter, Tully/Bateman, Smith) – Appropriates \$49.932 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and Green Acres Program administrative costs

A-6214/S-4153 (Danielsen, Zwicker, Conaway/Greenstein, Smith) – Appropriates \$80,539,578 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and various Green Acres funds to DEP for local government open space acquisition and park development projects

A-6215/S-4152 (Stanley, Murphy, Jasey/Smith, Greenstein) – Appropriates \$14,687,510 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes

A-6246/S-4295 (Karabinchak/Sweeney) – Concerns changes in control of hotels and disruptions of hotel services

A-6257/S-4311 (McKnight/Sweeney, Singleton) – Imposes surcharge on casino hotel occupancies to fund public safety services

A-6262/S-4314 (Burzichelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Mukherji/Sweeney, Oroho, T. Kean) – Permits PERS retiree to return to employment in NJ Legislature after retirement under certain circumstances

A-6263/S-4315 (Burzichelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Mukherji/Sweeney, Oroho, T. Kean) – Appropriates \$2 million to Legislative Services Commission

Governor Murphy pocket vetoed the following bills:

S-73/A-4580 (Bateman, Sarlo/Zwicker, Thomson, McKnight) – Establishes requirements for sale of cottage food products

S-995/A-6172 (Sweeney, A.M. Bucco/Downey, McKnight) – Requires DOLWD and DHS to conduct assessment of community rehabilitation programs and community businesses

S-1934/A-1158 (Sweeney, Pou, Cryan/Freiman, Lopez, Murphy) – Authorizes use of disability benefits for transportation provided by transportation network companies

S-2679/A-1979 (Beach, Smith/Stanley, Lopez, Kennedy) – Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program

S-2768/A-4664 (Singleton, Ruiz/Reynolds-Jackson, Stanley, Sumter) – Authorizes State Chief Diversity Officer to conduct disparity study concerning utilization of minority-owned and women-owned businesses in State procurement process

S-3458/A-6245 (Lagana, Gopal/Coughlin, Jimenez, Mukherji) – Revises out-of-network arbitration process

S-3529/A-5442 (Addiego, Diegnan/DeAngelo, Dancer, Dunn) – Clarifies that member of SPRS may receive accidental disability benefit under certain circumstances

S-3715/A-5804 (Cryan/Quijano, Mukherji) – Modifies certain definitions related to transient accommodation taxes and fees

S-4189/A-6112 (Vitale, Cruz-Perez/Lopez) – Permits PERS retiree to return to elective public office after retirement under certain circumstances

A-1073/S-3432 (Speight, Pintor Marin, McKnight, Timberlake/Ruiz, O'Scanlon) – Establishes requirements to screen certain people who are pregnant and who have given birth for preeclampsia

A-1269/S-3490 (Greenwald, Giblin, Calabrese/Cruz-Perez, Beach) – Eliminates one percent tax on purchasers of Class 4A commercial property transferred for consideration in excess of \$1 million

A-4958/S-3740 (Tully, Armato, Zwicker/Lagana, Oroho) – Provides temporary exemption under sales and use tax for winterizing certain small business operations

A-5334/S-3442 (Lopez, Mazzeo, Stanley/Diegnan, T. Kean) – Requires DOT, NJT, and DHS to study and implement transportation mobility and accessibility improvements for persons with autism and developmental disabilities

A-5484/S-3817 (Dancer, Caputo, Houghtaling/Lagana) – Requires New Jersey Racing Commission to adopt procedures to enforce internal controls; requires annual audit

A-6033/S-4194 (Bramnick/Sweeney, T. Kean) – Classifies golf caddies as independent contractors for purposes of State employment laws

A-6157/S-4202 (Speight, Moen/Ruiz, Beach) – Prohibits circumventing intergovernmental transfer process for law enforcement officers in certain circumstances

