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P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 329, *approved January 16, 2024*  
Assembly, No. 5462 (*First Reprint*)

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31 (2) up to <sup>1</sup>**[20]** 30<sup>1</sup> percent of each emergency food  
32 organization’s funding allocation may be used for administrative  
33 and staffing costs and the purchase of capital investments or  
34 infrastructure, including for the purchase of necessary technology,  
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36 space<sup>1</sup>; and

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38 organization’s State funding allocation shall be used to support

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Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AAN committee amendments adopted June 15, 2023.

1 local distribution agencies. Support for local distribution agencies  
2 includes the purchasing of food that fulfills local distribution  
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9 agencies<sup>1</sup>.

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11 with the emergency food organizations, shall develop a process for  
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14 consultation with the Office of the Food Security Advocate,]<sup>1</sup> shall  
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19 practices and initiatives of the Office of the Food Security  
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21 needs of the emergency food organization, and shall provide for  
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24 agencies, or reimbursements to local distribution agencies based on  
25 costs incurred by each agency.

26 c. Each emergency food organization shall provide a written  
27 report, on a [quarterly] monthly<sup>1</sup> basis, to the Office of the Food  
28 Security Advocate, which details the following expenditures of  
29 State funds<sup>1</sup>:

30 (1) the aggregate total of financial support provided to local  
31 distribution agencies;

32 (2) the name of each of local distribution agency that received  
33 funding or other assistance in the specific [quarter] month<sup>1</sup> and the  
34 amount of funding and assistance received; and

35 (3) an aggregated list summarizing the capital purchases made  
36 by emergency food organizations and local distribution agencies in  
37 the [quarter] month<sup>1</sup>.

38 d. [If an emergency food organization fails to file a quarterly  
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41 suspended until the required quarterly report is received by the  
42 Office of the Food Security Advocate.] The allotment of funding to  
43 emergency food organizations shall be contingent upon the successful  
44 implementation of the plan developed pursuant to subsection b. of this

1 section and the satisfaction, by such emergency food organizations, of  
2 the fiscal and programmatic requirements and other contractual  
3 obligations detailed in their contracts.<sup>1</sup>

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5 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 5462

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 11, 2023

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman CRAIG J. COUGHLIN**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

**Assemblywoman ANGELA V. MCKNIGHT**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**Assemblywoman SHANIQUE SPEIGHT**

**District 29 (Essex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/25/2023)

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ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 5462**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 15, 2023

The Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 5462.

This bill, as amended, would amend and supplement P.L.2021, c.483 (C.52:27J-1 et seq.), which established the Office of the Food Security Advocate. The bill would establish, in statute, certain conditions concerning the use of monies appropriated to emergency food organizations pursuant to an annual appropriations act.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments to this bill:

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(5) require emergency food organizations to provide a written report to the Office of the Food Security Advocate on a monthly (rather than quarterly) basis; and

(6) make emergency food organizations' funding contingent upon their successful implementation of the data-informed plan required by the bill, and their satisfaction of the fiscal and programmatic requirements and other contractual obligations detailed in their contracts.

**SENATE, No. 3867**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**220th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED MAY 15, 2023

**Sponsored by:**  
**Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE**  
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SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 3867**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 15, 2023

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3867.

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# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/16/2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Governor Murphy pocket vetoed the following bills:

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

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

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