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Senate, No. 1475

1 **AN ACT** establishing a home visitation pilot program in Medicaid  
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# SENATE, No. 1475

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 16, 2016

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator M. TERESA RUIZ**

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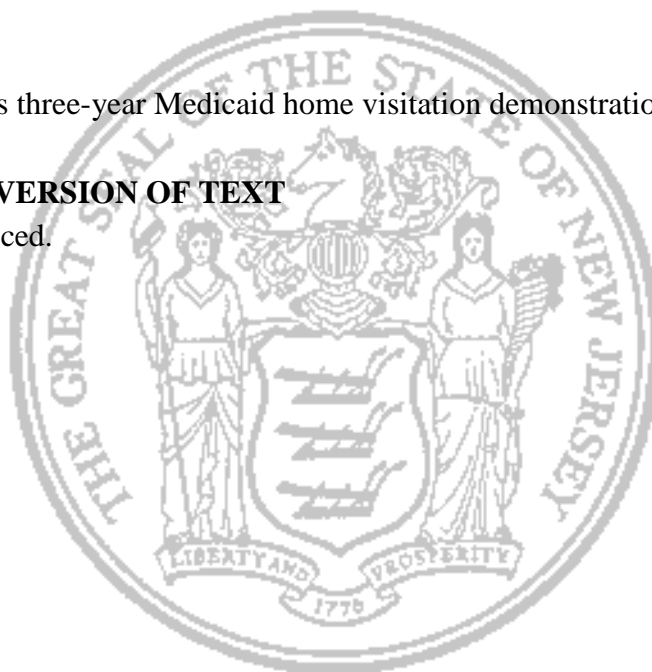
**Senator Pou, Assemblywoman McKnight and Assemblyman Coughlin**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/16/2017)

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# ASSEMBLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 1475

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The Assembly Women and Children Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1475.

This bill establishes a three-year Medicaid home visitation demonstration project. The project would be designed to provide ongoing health and parenting information, parent and family support, and links to essential health and social services during pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood. The bill requires that the demonstration project be developed in consultation with the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Health, and that it be modeled on home visitation programs currently administered by the three different Executive departments currently operating such programs.

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This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3304 (Vainieri Huttler), which was released by the committee on the same day.



# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 1475

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 30, 2017

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1475.

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As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3304, as reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the home visitation demonstration project established pursuant to this bill will result in an indeterminate expenditure increase from the State General Fund that will be partially offset by enhanced federal Medicaid funding.

The OLS cannot quantify the costs for the project due to uncertainty on the design of the project, the staff needed to implement the project, and the number of households to be served by the project.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1475**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 16, 2016

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1475.

This bill establishes a three-year Medicaid home visitation demonstration project. The project would be designed to provide ongoing health and parenting information, parent and family support, and links to essential health and social services during pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood. The bill requires that the demonstration project be developed by the Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Health, and that it be modeled on home visitation programs currently administered by the three different Executive departments currently operating such programs.

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# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 1475

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 2016

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1475.

This bill establishes a three-year Medicaid home visitation demonstration project designed to provide ongoing health and parenting information, parent and family support, and links to essential health and social services during pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood. The bill requires that the demonstration project be developed by the Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Health, and that it be modeled on home visitation programs currently administered by the three different Executive departments currently operating such programs.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**SENATE, No. 1475**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**217th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JUNE 22, 2016

**SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Establishes three-year Medicaid home visitation demonstration project.

**Type of Impact:** Indeterminate expenditure increase, General Fund, partially offset by enhanced federal Medicaid funds.

**Agencies Affected:** Department of Human Services

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1 to Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	Indeterminate expenditure increase
<b>State Revenue</b>	Indeterminate increase from federal Medicaid funds.

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**BILL DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill No. 1475 of 2016 establishes a three-year Medicaid home visitation demonstration project. The project would be designed to provide ongoing health and parenting information, parent and family support, and links to essential health and social services during pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood. The bill requires that the demonstration project be developed by the Department of Human Services, in consultation with the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Health, and that it be modeled on home visitation programs currently administered by the three different Executive departments currently operating such programs.

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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

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The OLS cannot quantify the costs for the project due to uncertainty with several aspects of the project. The bill requires that the project be designed to provide ongoing health and parenting information, parent and family support, and links to essential health and social services during pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood.

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Additionally, the bill provides that the development and implementation of the project is dependent upon the availability of federal financial participation through the Medicaid program. If Medicaid approves the project, a portion of the increased State expenditures will be eligible for federal Medicaid matching funds. The OLS anticipates the State will receive federal funds equal to fifty percent of any State expenditures. In some cases, such as individuals who are enrolled in Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act expansion, the federal matching rate may be higher.

In summary, it is likely that this project will result in increased State expenditures of an uncertain amount which will be offset by enhanced federal Medicaid revenue.

*Section:* Human Services

*Analyst:* Robin Ford  
Lead Fiscal Analyst

*Approved:* Frank W. Haines III  
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. 3304

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 22, 2016

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblyman RAJ MUKHERJI**

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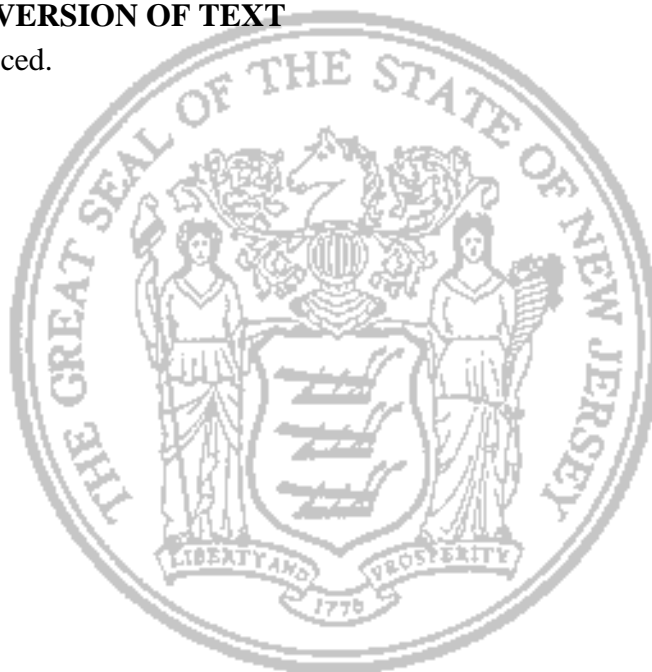
**Assemblywoman McKnight and Assemblyman Coughlin**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/16/2017)**



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# ASSEMBLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

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This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1475 (Ruiz/Vitale), which was released by the committee on the same day.

# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 3304

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 30, 2017

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3304.

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As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 1475, as also reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the home visitation demonstration project established pursuant to this bill will result in an indeterminate expenditure increase from the State General Fund that will be partially offset by enhanced federal Medicaid funding.

The OLS cannot quantify the costs for the project due to uncertainty on the design of the project, the staff needed to implement the project, and the number of households to be served by the project.

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 3304**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**217th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: FEBRUARY 6, 2017

**SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Establishes three-year Medicaid home visitation demonstration project.

**Type of Impact:** Indeterminate expenditure increase, General Fund, partially offset by enhanced federal Medicaid funds.

**Agencies Affected:** Department of Human Services

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1 to Year 3</u></b>
<b>State Cost</b>	Indeterminate expenditure increase
<b>State Revenue</b>	Indeterminate increase from federal Medicaid funds.

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the home visitation demonstration project established pursuant to this bill will result in an indeterminate expenditure increase from the State General Fund, that will be partially offset by enhanced federal Medicaid funding.
- The OLS cannot quantify the costs for the project due to uncertainty on the design of the project, the staff needed to implement the project, and the number of households to be served by the project.

**BILL DESCRIPTION**

Assembly Bill No. 3304 of 2016 establishes a three-year Medicaid home visitation demonstration project. The project would be designed to provide ongoing health and parenting information, parent and family support, and links to essential health and social services during pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood. The bill requires that the demonstration project be developed in consultation with the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Health, and that it be modeled on home visitation programs currently administered by the three different Executive departments currently operating such programs.

The project would be rolled out in stages, prioritizing expansion of services in counties with the highest number of births to eligible families and where current home visitation programs

provide services to less than 10 percent of the eligible population. It is the sponsor's understanding that this would result in initial expansions in Hudson and Union counties (100 families), Essex and Morris counties (100 families), Middlesex county (100 families), Bergen county (100 families), Ocean county (75 families), and Monmouth county (75 families).

The State currently provides home visiting services to over 5,000 families Statewide through several different programs. Home visitation programs typically provide frequent and regular visits to new families from pregnancy until the child is aged two or three, but vary in certain details according to the particular model. Home visitation programs encourage positive behaviors and healthy nutrition to prevent poor pregnancy outcomes; identify health or social concerns that may adversely affect a child's home environment; and assist parents in developing skills to promote early learning, language development, and early literacy. Such programs have been demonstrated through academic research to decrease pre-term and low-weight births, increase maternal employment, increase father involvement, decrease child abuse and neglect, decrease welfare costs, improve school readiness, and several other positive outcomes.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The OLS estimates that the home visitation demonstration project established pursuant to this bill will result in an indeterminate expenditure increase from the State General Fund.

The OLS cannot quantify the costs for the project due to uncertainty with several aspects of the project. The bill requires that the project be designed to provide ongoing health and parenting information, parent and family support, and links to essential health and social services during pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood.

The State currently provides home visiting services to over 5,000 families Statewide through several different programs. Home visitation programs typically provide frequent and regular visits to new families from pregnancy until the child is aged two or three, but vary in certain details according to the particular model. Although the project is to be modeled on current home visitation programs, without specifics on the design of the project, it is not possible for the OLS to quantify the costs of the project.

Additionally, the bill provides that the development and implementation of the project is dependent upon the availability of federal financial participation through the Medicaid program. If Medicaid approves the project, a portion of the increased State expenditures will be eligible for federal Medicaid matching funds. The OLS anticipates the State will receive federal funds equal to fifty percent of any State expenditures. In some cases, such as individuals who are enrolled in Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act expansion, the federal matching rate may be higher.

In summary, it is likely that this project will result in increased State expenditures of an uncertain amount which will be offset by enhanced federal Medicaid revenue.

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## Governor Christie Takes Action On Pending Legislation

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**Trenton, NJ** - Governor Chris Christie signed into law today several bills to empower New Jersey's military members and veterans, including a bipartisan initiative to create the "Veterans Diversion Program."

The new law, S-307/A-4362 (Van Drew, Allen/Andrzejczak, Mazzeo, Land, Tucker, Benson, Bramnick), requires the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to collaborate with its federal counterpart and develop a statewide program providing appropriate case management and mental health services to eligible military service members who have committed nonviolent offenses. The department will publicize a directory of existing federal and State case management and mental health program locations, which will serve as points of entry to facilitate support and services.

"It is impossible to imagine the courage, sacrifices and experiences of the men and women who put their lives on the line to protect the American people and our freedom," Governor Christie said. "This critical legislation gives back by supporting New Jersey's military service members when they need it most and when their lives depend on it. This new program will strengthen families and communities, by empowering veterans with individualized, holistic care and steering them clear of the criminal justice system."

Other military and veterans' bills signed by Governor Christie today require the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) to develop an informational website for Gold Star families; require DMAVA to notify local county veterans' affairs offices and State veterans service offices of the death of a New Jersey or other service member whose surviving beneficiary resides in the State in order to inform the beneficiaries of federal and state benefits and creates a designated Gold Star family member liaison for each county veterans' office; and, retains eligibility for New Jersey National Guard members or reserve components of the U.S. Armed Forces called to active federal military service who met maximum age requirements at the closing date of civil service examinations.

**Governor Christie also took action on the following bills:**

### BILL SIGNINGS:

**S-158/A-3631 (Madden, Cruz-Perez/Quijano, Schaer, Vainieri Huttler, Zwicker, Mukherji, Danielsen)** - Permits holding companies of eligible New Jersey emerging technology companies to receive investments under "New Jersey Angel Investor Tax Credit Act"

**S-227/A-963 (Holzapfel, Allen/Wolfe, McGuckin, Dancer)** - Requires DOT, NJTA, and SJTA to use only native vegetation for landscaping, land management, reforestation, or habitat restoration

**S-518/A-4452 (Beck/Downey, Houghtaling, Benson, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttler)** - Requires sanitation vehicles display flashing lights in certain circumstances and imposes conditions on drivers approaching sanitation vehicles displaying flashing lights; designated as "Michael Massey's Law"

**S-724/A-3604 (Cruz-Perez, Allen/Eustace, Wolfe, Mukherji)** - Establishes "Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Program"

**S-792/A-1271 (Sarlo/ Caride, Schaer, Pintor Marin)** - Permits newly created regional school districts or enlarging regional school districts to determine apportionment methodology for their boards of education on basis other than population

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**S-913/A-3404 (Codey, Vitale/Burzichelli, Coughlin, Schaer, Singleton)** - Permits hospitals to establish system for making performance-based incentive payments to physicians

**S-1059/A-4462 (Diegnan/Lagana, Vainieri Huttie, Mukherji)** - Permits amusement games license to be issued to holder of alcoholic beverage special concessionaire permit at certain airports; allows licensees to offer electronic amusements under certain circumstances

**S-1398/A-1447 (Weinberg, Gill/Lampitt, Spencer, Vainieri Huttie, McKeon, Mukherji, Holley, Caride, Downey)** - Expands infertility coverage under certain health insurance plans

**S-1404/A-4423 (Weinberg/Johnson, Benson, Mukherji, Handlin)** - Requires governmental affairs agents to disclose on notice of representation form compensation amount received from State or local government entities; requires notice to be posted on Internet site of Election Law Enforcement Commission

**S-1475/A-3304 (Ruiz, Vitale/Vainieri Huttie, Mukherji, Holley, Jimenez)** - Establishes three-year Medicaid home visitation demonstration project

**S-1634/A-3991 (Turner, Stack/Muoio, Wimberly, Johnson, Pintor Marin, Mukherji)** - Requires housing authority to advertise when applications are being accepted for housing assistance waiting lists online

**S-1761/A-4473 (Rice, Cunningham, Pou/Johnson, Wimberly, Pintor Marin)** - Directs Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development to promote basic skills training through organizations dedicated to the economic empowerment of specific segments of society, such as the African American Chamber of Commerce

**S-1825/A-3432 (Sarlo, Cruz-Perez, Gordon/Greenwald, Lampitt, Benson, Caride, Chiaravalloti)** - Establishes task force to study and make recommendations concerning mobility and support services needs of NJ adults with autism spectrum disorder

**S-1856/A-3846 (Pou, Allen/Phoebus, Tucker, Space)** - Provides for retained eligibility for members of NJ National Guard or reserve component of US Armed Forces called to active federal military service who met maximum age requirement at closing date of civil service examination

**S-2286/A-3083 (Weinberg, Gordon/Vainieri Huttie, Eustace, Johnson)** - Establishes Mike Adler Aphasia Task Force to assess needs of persons with aphasia, and their families, and ensure adequate provision of support services and information thereto

**S-2414/A-4056 (Scutari/Jimenez, Eustace, Giblin, McKnight)** - Requires "Massage and Bodywork Therapist Licensing Act" to require certain class study and examination requirements

**S-2856/A-4402 (Beach, Madden/Greenwald, Andrzejczak, Johnson, Rible, Jones, Land, Houghtaling, Benson)** - Requires DMVA to notify county veterans' affairs office of death of certain military service members; requires office to have Gold Star liaisons

**S-2857/A-4403 (Beach, Madden/Greenwald, Rible, Land, Johnson, Mazzeo, Andrzejczak, Houghtaling, Benson)** - Requires Adjutant General to create informational webpage for Gold Star families

**S-2868/A-4501 (Pou, Sarlo/Sumter, Wimberly)** - Increases value of Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program residential tax credits to \$823 million; restricts \$105 million of tax credits to qualified residential projects and mixed use parking projects

**S-3015/A-4623 (Rice, Ruiz/Sumter, Oliver, Schaer, Pintor Marin)** - Requires study of program allowing community service in lieu of paying motor vehicle surcharges

**SJR-49/AJR-106 (Ruiz, Oroho/Phoebus, Pintor Marin, Space, McKnight, Schepisi)** - Designates third week in September of each year as Go Gold for Kids with Cancer Awareness Week"

**SJR-75/AJR- 122 (Rice, Codey/Oliver, Giblin, Chiaravalloti, Sumter, Quijano, McKnight)** - Establishes "Disparity in State Procurement Study Commission"

#### **BILLS VETOED:**

**S-596/A-3422 (Cunningham, Greenstein, Sweeney/Benson, Mukherji, Muoio, Holley, Sumter, Downey, Lampitt, Oliver, Danielsen, Wimberly)** - **CONDITIONAL** - Establishes compensation program for law enforcement officers and certain other employees injured while performing official duties

**S-690/A-2921 (Gordon, Beach, Eustace, Houghtaling, Pinkin, Mazzeo)** - **CONDITIONAL** - Increases flexibility, clarity, and available tools of optional municipal consolidation process

**SCS for S-895/ACS for A-2182 (Lesniak, Beck, Cunningham/Sumter, Holley, Oliver, Jones, Wimberly)** - **CONDITIONAL** - "Earn Your Way Out Act"; requires DOC to develop inmate reentry plan; establishes administrative parole release for certain inmates; requires study and report by DOC on fiscal impact

**S-956/A-2202 (Gordon, Bateman/Eustace, Zwicker, O'Scanlon, Downey, Wisniewski, Pinkin)** - **CONDITIONAL** - Authorizes special emergency appropriations for the payment of certain expenses incurred by municipalities to implement a municipal consolidation

**S-2844/A-4425 (Vitale, Codey/Vainieri Huttie, Muoio, Eustace, Space, Benson)** - **CONDITIONAL** - Eliminates certificate of need requirement for inpatient hospital beds for treatment of psychiatric and substance use disorder dual

diagnosis

**S-3041/ACS for A-2338 (Lesniak/Benson, Vainieri Huttie, Eustace, Gusciora, Mukherji, Jimenez) -  
CONDITIONAL** - Revises "Pet Purchase Protection Act" to establish new requirements for pet dealers and pet shops

**S-3048/A-4520 (Weinberg, Turner, Greenstein/McKeon, Singleton, Moriarty, Quijano, Johnson, Benson) -  
CONDITIONAL** - Requires candidates for President and Vice-President of United States to disclose federal income tax returns to appear on ballot; prohibits Electoral College electors from voting for candidates who fail to file income tax returns

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