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Senate, No. 1948 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
2 Employment and Training Provider Demonstration Project and  
3 amending P.L.2013, c.45.  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 1 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95) is amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 1. **[This act]** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.) shall be known  
11 and may be cited as the "New Jersey SNAP Employment and  
12 Training Provider **[Demonstration]** <sup>1</sup>50/50 Match<sup>1</sup> Project Act."  
13 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.1)  
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15 2. Section 2 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-96) is amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 2. As used in **[this act]** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.):

18 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Human Services.

19 **["Demonstration project participant"** means an eligible  
20 participant who elects to participate in the demonstration project  
21 established pursuant to this act.]

22 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

23 "Eligible participant" means a SNAP recipient who qualifies for  
24 participation in NJ SNAP ETP as a voluntary SNAP ETP  
25 participant or as a mandatory SNAP ETP participant.

26 "Mandatory SNAP ETP participant" means a participant in NJ  
27 SNAP ETP who, as a condition of receiving SNAP benefits: is  
28 required to register for work; is required to fulfill SNAP  
29 employment and training requirements; and has not been exempted  
30 from placement in an NJ SNAP ETP component.

31 "New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
32 Employment and Training Provider **[Demonstration]** <sup>1</sup>50/50  
33 Match<sup>1</sup> Project" or "**[demonstration]** project" means the  
34 **[demonstration]** project established pursuant to **[this act]**  
35 P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).

36 "NJ SNAP ETP" means the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition  
37 Assistance Program Employment and Training Program that assists  
38 SNAP recipients with acquiring the skills, training, work, or  
39 experience necessary to obtain regular employment, as established  
40 under the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
41 and as described in the most recent State Employment and Training

**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:**

<sup>1</sup>Senate SBA committee amendments adopted March 18, 2019.

1 Plan submitted to the Food and Nutrition Service in the United  
2 States Department of Agriculture.

3 "Non-federal resources" means any of the following resources,  
4 provided that the resources are not from a federal source or used as  
5 a match for other federal funding purposes:

6 (1) cash donations from private firms, charitable foundations, or  
7 non-profit organizations received by partnering providers;

8 (2) local tax levy funds received by partnering providers;

9 (3) certain eligible in-kind contributions received by partnering  
10 providers that are public entities, including property or services  
11 which support the provider's NJ SNAP ETP activities and which are  
12 contributed by non-federal public entities without charge to the  
13 partnering provider; or

14 (4) any other non-federal resources that are currently allowed by  
15 the federal government.

16 "Partnering provider" means a qualifying agency selected to  
17 participate in the **【demonstration】** project.

18 "Project participant" means an eligible participant who elects to  
19 participate in the project established pursuant to P.L.2013, c.45  
20 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).

21 "Qualifying agency" means a local government, non-profit  
22 entity, institution of higher education, foundation, or other eligible  
23 community-based organization that qualifies for allowable federal  
24 SNAP ETP reimbursements pursuant to the federal "Food and  
25 Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.) by  
26 providing allowable services that help SNAP recipients acquire the  
27 skills, training, work, or experience necessary to obtain regular  
28 employment. A qualifying agency may also include a consortium  
29 of organizations.

30 "Service area" means the geographic area of the State in which a  
31 partnering provider provides NJ SNAP ETP services under the  
32 **【demonstration】** project established pursuant to **【this act】**  
33 P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).

34 "SNAP" means the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition  
35 Assistance Program, established pursuant to the federal "Food and  
36 Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.).

37 "SNAP ETP" means the federal Supplemental Nutrition  
38 Assistance Program Employment and Training Program  
39 administered by the Food and Nutrition Service in the United States  
40 Department of Agriculture and established pursuant to the federal  
41 "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011  
42 et seq.) and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

43 "Voluntary SNAP ETP participant" means a participant in NJ  
44 SNAP ETP who: is exempt from the work registration and  
45 employment and training requirements associated with receiving  
46 SNAP benefits; or who is not exempt from work registration but  
47 who has been exempted from SNAP employment and training  
48 requirements or otherwise exempted from placement in an NJ  
49 SNAP ETP component.

1 "Work First New Jersey TANF benefits" means Temporary  
2 Assistance for Needy Families benefits provided under the Work  
3 First New Jersey program established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.38  
4 (C.44:10-55 et seq.) in accordance with the federal "Personal  
5 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996,"  
6 Pub.L.104-193 (42 U.S.C. s.601 et seq.).  
7 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.2)

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9 3. Section 3 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-97) is amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 3. a. The Department of Human Services shall establish the  
12 New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
13 Employment and Training Provider **【Demonstration】** <sup>1</sup>50/50  
14 Match<sup>1</sup> Project under which the department shall <sup>1</sup>: (1) provide and  
15 enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of  
16 Labor and Workforce Development by which the Department of  
17 Labor and Workforce Development shall implement, administer,  
18 and operate the project and NJ SNAP ETP activities including,  
19 issuing requests for proposals, selecting partnering providers,  
20 obtaining activity reports from providers, and issuing payment to  
21 providers; and (2)<sup>1</sup> form partnerships with qualifying agencies to  
22 provide services to eligible participants under NJ SNAP ETP and  
23 receive federal reimbursements for those services. <sup>1</sup>【The  
24 department shall consult with the Department of Labor and  
25 Workforce Development and the county welfare agencies with  
26 respect to the establishment and oversight of the **【demonstration】**  
27 project.】 The memorandum of understanding executed by the  
28 departments shall define how the departments shall coordinate their  
29 efforts, the roles and expectations of each, and shall detail the  
30 process by which funds for the support of the project and other NJ  
31 SNAP ETP activities shall be transferred from the department to the  
32 Department of Labor and Workforce Development.<sup>1</sup>

33 b. Applicants for participation as partnering providers in the  
34 **【demonstration】** project shall be qualifying agencies whose  
35 employment and training activities qualify for reimbursement under  
36 the federal SNAP ETP program. Partnering providers in the  
37 **【demonstration】** project shall be selected according to the process  
38 and criteria specified in **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-  
39 95 et seq.).  
40 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.3)

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42 4. Section 4 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-98) is amended to read  
43 as follows:

44 4. a. The commissioner shall issue a request for proposals from  
45 qualifying agencies to participate in the **【demonstration】** project no  
46 later than 60 days following the effective date of **【this act】**  
47 P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).

1 b. (1) The department shall select no fewer than three  
2 partnering providers, from among qualifying agencies submitting  
3 proposals, to participate in the **[demonstration]** project <sup>1</sup>**[for [a] an**  
4 **initial** period of four years<sup>1</sup>. Partnering providers shall provide  
5 services under NJ SNAP ETP to eligible participants and be eligible  
6 to receive federal reimbursements for those services pursuant to the  
7 conditions of **[this act]** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).

8 (2) <sup>1</sup>**[Subject to the availability of federal funds, the**  
9 **commissioner]** The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce  
10 Development<sup>1</sup> shall extend the program beyond the initial four year  
11 period. The <sup>1</sup>**[commissioner]** Commissioner of Labor and  
12 Workforce Development<sup>1</sup> shall <sup>1</sup>, subject to the availability of  
13 federal funds, annually<sup>1</sup> issue a new request for proposals and  
14 <sup>1</sup>**[shall select]** maintain the participation of<sup>1</sup> no fewer than three  
15 partnering providers, from among qualifying agencies submitting  
16 proposals, to participate in the project for each subsequent  
17 [contract period] year<sup>1</sup>.

18 c. Each qualifying agency shall be evaluated for participation as  
19 a partnering provider in the **[demonstration]** project based on the  
20 agency's capacity to: serve eligible participants under NJ SNAP  
21 ETP; identify and utilize non-federal resources qualifying for  
22 federal SNAP ETP reimbursements pursuant to the federal "Food  
23 and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et  
24 seq.); present and implement a coherent program plan for NJ SNAP  
25 ETP activities, as described in subsection d. of this section; and  
26 perform effectively each of the functions specified in section 6 of  
27 **[this act]** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-100).

28 d. Each qualifying agency's proposal shall include a program  
29 plan describing how the agency's activities under the  
30 **[demonstration]** project would fulfill the purposes of NJ SNAP  
31 ETP. The program plan shall include, but not be limited to, the  
32 following information:

33 (1) the program goals and objectives, including the agency's  
34 priorities for serving eligible participants in the State;

35 (2) the program design, including: strategies for targeting and  
36 recruiting eligible participants; educational skills and training  
37 activities; work-related activities; job preparation, placement, and  
38 retention activities; strategies for coordinating with the county  
39 welfare agencies and the Department of Labor and Workforce  
40 Development; and strategies for providing support services,  
41 including case management, early intervention, career counseling,  
42 and referrals to additional programs and services;

43 (3) the program budget, including the overall resources to be  
44 used to support the agency's NJ SNAP ETP activities, the specific  
45 non-federal resources to be used to generate federal SNAP ETP  
46 reimbursements, and the intended utilization of anticipated federal  
47 SNAP ETP reimbursements;

1 (4) the extent to which community partners, including  
2 subcontractors, will be involved in the agency's activities; and

3 (5) the agency's plans for performing each of the functions  
4 specified in section 6 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-100).

5 e. In selecting partnering providers for participation in the  
6 **【demonstration】** project, the <sup>1</sup>**【department】** Department of Labor  
7 and Workforce Development<sup>1</sup> shall prioritize partnering providers  
8 that would:

9 (1) serve SNAP recipients with significant barriers to  
10 employment, including, but not limited to: able-bodied adults  
11 without dependents required to participate in employment and  
12 training programs as a condition of receiving SNAP benefits;  
13 individuals with a history of substance abuse or other work  
14 limitations; ex-offenders; individuals with low literacy or limited  
15 English proficiency; veterans who are not eligible for other  
16 employment and training programs; and persons who are 16 through  
17 24 years of age;

18 (2) serve unemployed or underemployed parents, including non-  
19 custodial parents and parents who have exceeded their Work First  
20 New Jersey TANF 60-month lifetime limit on cash assistance;

21 (3) provide training in both vocational and technical skills, as  
22 well as "soft skills," including, but not limited to: workplace  
23 preparation training, teamwork, problem solving, time management,  
24 and conflict resolution;

25 (4) provide training that results in marketable credentials and  
26 that prepares participants for employment or reemployment in  
27 industries with projections of growth <sup>1</sup>**【**, as the department  
28 identifies those industries in collaboration with the Department of  
29 Labor and Workforce Development**】**<sup>1</sup>;

30 (5) conduct job development activities and identify how job  
31 opportunities will be secured to maximize SNAP recipients'  
32 permanent placement in employment providing compensation at the  
33 level of a living wage and opportunities for wage progression; and

34 (6) demonstrate a proven history of successful job placement  
35 and retention.

36 f. The <sup>1</sup>**【department】** Department of Labor and Workforce  
37 Development<sup>1</sup> may select partnering providers that would provide  
38 NJ SNAP ETP services within any service area including, but not  
39 limited to: the entire State; one or more regions encompassing  
40 several counties; or a single county.

41 g. Upon selection of a partnering provider, the <sup>1</sup>**【department】**  
42 Department of Labor and Workforce Development<sup>1</sup> shall negotiate  
43 and execute a memorandum of understanding with the partnering  
44 provider, the <sup>1</sup>**【Department of Labor and Workforce Development】**  
45 department<sup>1</sup>, and county welfare agencies, as applicable. The  
46 memorandum of understanding shall define the extent and degree of  
47 assistance <sup>1</sup>and delineate the respective expectations, duties, and  
48 relations<sup>1</sup> among the department, the Department of Labor and

1 Workforce Development, the county welfare agencies, and the  
2 partnering provider.

3 h. The <sup>1</sup>**【commissioner】** Commissioner of Labor and Workforce  
4 Development<sup>1</sup> shall establish standards of performance for  
5 partnering providers conducting **【demonstration】** project activities  
6 pursuant to **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.),  
7 including, but not limited to, standards for performing the  
8 programmatic functions and financial functions required pursuant to  
9 section 6 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-100). The  
10 memorandum of understanding negotiated and executed pursuant to  
11 subsection g. of this section shall include a performance-based  
12 system for distributing federal SNAP ETP reimbursements to each  
13 partnering provider based upon the partnering provider's  
14 achievement of the standards of performance.

15 i. Upon finding that a partnering provider has not conducted its  
16 **【demonstration】** project activities in accordance with the standards  
17 of performance established in subsection h. of this section or that a  
18 partnering provider has otherwise failed to comply with the  
19 requirements of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.), the  
20 <sup>1</sup>**【commissioner】** Commissioner of Labor and Workforce  
21 Development<sup>1</sup> may: take such action as is necessary to correct the  
22 deficiencies of the provider; and terminate the partnering provider's  
23 participation in the **【demonstration】** project if the provider fails to  
24 take remedial action.

25 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.4)

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27 5. Section 5 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-99) is amended to read  
28 as follows:

29 5. a. A county welfare agency shall collaborate with all  
30 partnering providers whose service areas include the county to:  
31 inform all eligible participants, upon determination of their  
32 eligibility for SNAP benefits, of all **【demonstration】** project  
33 activities operating within the county; permit all eligible  
34 participants to participate in any **【demonstration】** project activities  
35 available within the county; and assist eligible participants with  
36 contacting partnering providers operating **【demonstration】** project  
37 activities. A county welfare agency may advise an eligible  
38 participant as to the applicability and appropriateness of specific  
39 **【demonstration】** activities to the eligible participant's case, but the  
40 county welfare agency shall not assign an eligible participant to  
41 **【demonstration】** project activities without the eligible participant's  
42 consent.

43 b. A partnering provider shall collaborate with all county  
44 welfare agencies within the provider's service area to: inform all  
45 eligible participants, upon determination of their eligibility for  
46 SNAP benefits, of the availability of **【demonstration】** project  
47 services; and assist the county welfare agencies with identifying



1 those eligible participants for whom participation in the partnering  
2 provider's NJ SNAP ETP activities would be most applicable and  
3 appropriate.

4 c. A partnering provider shall serve all eligible participants  
5 residing within the provider's service area who elect to participate  
6 in the provider's **【demonstration】** project activities. Except as  
7 provided in this section, a partnering provider shall not deny or  
8 terminate the participation of any **【demonstration】** project  
9 participant.

10 d. Mandatory SNAP ETP participants may elect, for the purpose  
11 of fulfilling their SNAP employment and training requirements, to  
12 participate in a partnering provider's **【demonstration】** project  
13 activities. The participation of a mandatory SNAP ETP participant  
14 in a partnering provider's **【demonstration】** project activities shall  
15 constitute placement in an NJ SNAP ETP component and shall  
16 fulfill SNAP employment and training requirements for the duration  
17 of the mandatory SNAP ETP participant's participation. A county  
18 welfare agency shall assign a mandatory SNAP ETP participant  
19 who does not elect to participate in any **【demonstration】** project  
20 activities to another NJ SNAP ETP component outside of the  
21 **【demonstration】** project, as available.

22 e. Mandatory SNAP ETP participants who elect to participate in  
23 **【demonstration】** project activities but who subsequently do not  
24 cooperate with, or participate in, those activities shall not be subject  
25 to penalties for noncompliance with SNAP employment and  
26 training requirements during their participation in the  
27 **【demonstration】** project. Partnering providers shall terminate the  
28 **【demonstration】** project participation of any non-cooperating or  
29 non-participating mandatory SNAP ETP participants and refer the  
30 non-cooperating or non-participating mandatory SNAP ETP  
31 participants to the applicable county welfare agency. The applicable  
32 county welfare agency shall assign the non-cooperating or non-  
33 participating mandatory SNAP ETP participant to another NJ SNAP  
34 ETP component outside of the **【demonstration】** project, as  
35 available.

36 f. Nothing in **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.)  
37 shall be construed to limit the authority of the county welfare  
38 agencies or the department to impose penalties for noncompliance  
39 with SNAP employment and training requirements on mandatory  
40 SNAP ETP participants who: are terminated from participation in  
41 **【demonstration】** project activities due to non-cooperation or non-  
42 participation; and subsequently refuse or fail to comply with SNAP  
43 employment and training requirements upon placement within  
44 another NJ SNAP ETP component outside of the **【demonstration】**  
45 project.

46 g. A partnering provider may deny or terminate the participation  
47 of any **【demonstration】** project participant who is not appropriately

1 matched to the partnering provider's **【demonstration】** project  
2 activities upon obtaining approval from the applicable county  
3 welfare agency.

4 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.5)

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6 6. Section 6 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-100) is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 6. a. Each partnering provider shall be required to perform the  
9 following programmatic functions and to maintain sufficient  
10 capacity to perform these functions effectively:

11 (1) assist **【demonstration】** project participants with obtaining  
12 and retaining employment;

13 (2) provide **【demonstration】** project participants with  
14 appropriate NJ SNAP ETP services and participant reimbursements  
15 that fulfill the purposes of NJ SNAP ETP and that qualify for  
16 federal SNAP ETP reimbursements. These services and participant  
17 reimbursements may include, but are not limited to: job search and  
18 placement services; job readiness assistance; education or training  
19 that improves basic skills and general employability; specific job  
20 skills training or vocational education; work experience that  
21 improves the employability of **【demonstration】** project participants;  
22 subsidized employment; workfare; self-employment training;  
23 services related to the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998,  
24 Pub.L.105-220 (29 U.S.C. s.2801 et seq.); job retention services; or  
25 reimbursements for **【demonstration】** project participant expenses,  
26 including dependent care costs, transportation expenses, books or  
27 training manuals, fees, uniforms, equipment and tools required for  
28 employment, or personal safety items required for program  
29 participation;

30 (3) assess and place **【demonstration】** project participants into  
31 appropriate NJ SNAP ETP services, as defined in paragraph (2) of  
32 this subsection;

33 (4) provide **【demonstration】** project participants with support  
34 services, including case management, early intervention, career  
35 counseling, and referrals to additional programs and services;

36 (5) verify whether potential **【demonstration】** project  
37 participants are receiving SNAP benefits and make referrals, as  
38 appropriate, to assist potential **【demonstration】** project participants  
39 with applying for SNAP benefits;

40 (6) collaborate with county welfare agencies to develop  
41 processes and materials that: inform eligible participants regarding  
42 **【demonstration】** project activities within each county, in  
43 accordance with each partnering provider's service area; facilitate  
44 eligible participants' communications with partnering providers  
45 regarding participation in **【demonstration】** project activities; and  
46 assist eligible participants with rendering decisions regarding their  
47 participation in **【demonstration】** project activities;

- 1 (7) assist **【demonstration】** project participants with continuing  
2 to meet administrative requirements, work requirements,  
3 employment and training requirements, and other requirements for  
4 maintaining SNAP eligibility;
- 5 (8) coordinate with the department and county welfare agencies  
6 on a monthly basis to verify that **【demonstration】** project  
7 participants are receiving SNAP benefits and are not receiving  
8 Work First New Jersey TANF benefits;
- 9 (9) coordinate with the county welfare agencies and the  
10 department to distinguish mandatory SNAP ETP participants from  
11 voluntary SNAP ETP participants;
- 12 (10) provide uninterrupted NJ SNAP ETP services and  
13 participant reimbursements to mandatory SNAP ETP participants  
14 electing to participate in the **【demonstration】** project who become  
15 voluntary SNAP ETP participants and to voluntary SNAP ETP  
16 participants electing to participate in the **【demonstration】** project  
17 who become mandatory SNAP ETP participants, subject to the  
18 provisions for terminating **【demonstration】** project participation  
19 pursuant to section 5 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-99);
- 20 (11) maintain program records and report to the department  
21 <sup>1</sup>and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development<sup>1</sup> the  
22 following monthly information for each claimed NJ SNAP ETP  
23 participant: program, participant name, participant Social Security  
24 number, services and reimbursements received, and weekly hours;
- 25 (12) prepare and submit to the department invoice and  
26 certification letters each quarter for the total non-federal resources  
27 and program expenditures qualifying for federal SNAP ETP  
28 reimbursements for the quarter;
- 29 (13) monitor **【demonstration】** project participants and  
30 subcontractors and provide detailed reports of participants,  
31 activities, and outcomes to the <sup>1</sup>**【department】** Department of Labor  
32 and Workforce Development<sup>1</sup> on a regular basis;
- 33 (14) devote sufficient staff time and expertise to fulfill NJ  
34 SNAP ETP administrative and reporting requirements;
- 35 (15) collaborate with the department <sup>1</sup>and the Department of  
36 Labor and Workforce Development<sup>1</sup> to ensure that federal SNAP  
37 ETP reimbursements received under the **【demonstration】** program  
38 are expended in accordance with all applicable federal laws and  
39 regulations; and
- 40 (16) report to the department <sup>1</sup>and the Department of Labor  
41 and Workforce Development<sup>1</sup> and county welfare agencies on a  
42 monthly basis the identities of any mandatory SNAP ETP  
43 participants who are not cooperating with, or participating in,  
44 assigned services or work, as applicable to mandatory SNAP ETP  
45 participants who elect to participate in the **【demonstration】** project.

1       b. Each partnering provider shall be required to perform the  
2 following financial functions and to maintain sufficient capacity to  
3 perform the functions effectively:

4       (1) maintain cash flow necessary to manage the delay from  
5 program outlays to SNAP ETP reimbursements;

6       (2) manage federal grants, track expenditures, and ensure that  
7 non-federal resources and program expenditures qualify for federal  
8 SNAP ETP reimbursements;

9       (3) perform cost allocation using multiple funds;

10       (4) track staff time devoted to NJ SNAP ETP activities under  
11 this **【demonstration】** project; and

12       (5) maintain records for State audits.

13       c. Partnering providers may establish agreements with  
14 subcontracting organizations to support their NJ SNAP ETP  
15 activities under this **【demonstration】** project.

16       d. The department shall consider educational activities serving  
17 eligible participants at community colleges as qualifying for federal  
18 SNAP ETP reimbursements to the greatest extent allowable under  
19 federal laws and regulations. In accordance with section 273.5 of  
20 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, individuals enrolled at least  
21 half-time in an institution of higher education who are assigned to,  
22 or placed in, an NJ SNAP ETP educational activity, including  
23 individuals who voluntarily participate in NJ SNAP ETP activities  
24 or who otherwise make self-initiated placements, and who meet all  
25 SNAP eligibility requirements shall be determined eligible for  
26 SNAP benefits and shall be eligible for participation in the  
27 **【demonstration】** project.

28 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.6)

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30       7. Section 7 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-101) is amended to read  
31 as follows:

32       7. a. The county welfare agencies, under the oversight of the  
33 department, shall assist partnering providers by:

34       (1) collaborating with partnering providers, the department, and  
35 the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to conduct  
36 outreach to potential **【demonstration】** project participants and to  
37 refer potential **【demonstration】** project participants to the  
38 partnering providers;

39       (2) collaborating with partnering providers to develop processes  
40 and materials that inform eligible participants regarding: the  
41 availability of **【demonstration】** project activities within each  
42 county, in accordance with each partnering provider's service area;  
43 the option for eligible participants to participate in **【demonstration】**  
44 project activities; the applicability and appropriateness of specific  
45 **【demonstration】** activities to the eligible participant's case; and the  
46 means by which eligible participants may contact partnering  
47 providers regarding **【demonstration】** project participation;

1 (3) determining potential **【demonstration】** project participants'  
2 SNAP eligibility and providing the results of eligibility  
3 determinations to partnering providers;

4 (4) developing and implementing a process to verify that  
5 potential **【demonstration】** project participants are receiving SNAP  
6 benefits and not receiving Work First New Jersey TANF benefits  
7 and ensuring that this verification process adheres to all applicable  
8 federal laws and regulations restricting the unauthorized disclosure  
9 of information concerning applicants for, and recipients of, SNAP  
10 or TANF benefits;

11 (5) determining each potential **【demonstration】** project  
12 participant's status as a voluntary SNAP ETP participant or a  
13 mandatory SNAP ETP participant, in coordination with partnering  
14 providers;

15 (6) confirming each **【demonstration】** project participant's SNAP  
16 eligibility on a monthly basis; and

17 (7) collaborating with partnering providers to develop criteria  
18 and procedures for terminating the participation of eligible  
19 participants in a partnering provider's **【demonstration】** project  
20 activities including, but not limited to: eligible participants who are  
21 not appropriately matched to a partnering provider's  
22 **【demonstration】** project activities; and any mandatory SNAP ETP  
23 participants who are not cooperating with, or participating in,  
24 assigned services or work, as applicable to mandatory SNAP ETP  
25 participants who elect to participate in the **【demonstration】** project.

26 b. The department shall, in consultation with the county welfare  
27 agencies and the Department of Labor and Workforce  
28 Development:

29 (1) assist partnering providers with understanding the  
30 administrative requirements, work requirements, employment and  
31 training requirements, and other requirements for **【demonstration】**  
32 project participants to maintain SNAP eligibility;

33 (2) assist partnering providers with understanding the  
34 requirements for non-federal resources and program expenditures to  
35 generate federal SNAP ETP reimbursements;

36 (3) submit requests for federal SNAP ETP reimbursements and  
37 fulfill all reporting and other SNAP ETP administrative  
38 responsibilities required by the Food and Nutrition Service in the  
39 United States Department of Agriculture;

40 (4) distribute federal SNAP ETP reimbursements received by  
41 the State under this **【demonstration】** project to the partnering  
42 providers whose non-federal resources and program expenditures  
43 generated the federal reimbursements, in accordance with the  
44 provisions of section 8 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-102);

45 (5) collect data concerning partnering providers and  
46 **【demonstration】** project participants, activities, and outcomes; and

47 (6) audit partnering providers on a routine basis to ensure fiscal

1 and program integrity.  
2 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.7)

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4 8. Section 8 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-102) is amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 8. a. The department shall submit a revised State Employment  
7 and Training Plan to the Food and Nutrition Service in the United  
8 States Department of Agriculture, in accordance with section 273.7  
9 (c) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, in order to expand NJ  
10 SNAP ETP to include **【demonstration】** project partnerships with  
11 qualifying agencies. The revised State Employment and Training  
12 Plan shall define the services to be provided under NJ SNAP ETP,  
13 including, but not limited to, the **【demonstration】** project services  
14 provided pursuant to **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).  
15 The department shall submit the revised State Employment and  
16 Training Plan to the Food and Nutrition Service as soon as  
17 practicable but no later than the first day of the seventh month next  
18 following the effective date of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-  
19 95 et seq.).

20 b. The commissioner shall take such additional steps as may be  
21 necessary to secure approval from the Food and Nutrition Service in  
22 the United States Department of Agriculture for this  
23 **【demonstration】** project and to ensure that the State and partnering  
24 providers are in compliance with all applicable provisions of federal  
25 and State laws and regulations.

26 c. The department may reserve up to five percent of the federal  
27 SNAP ETP reimbursements generated as a direct result of the  
28 activities of the partnering providers and received by the State  
29 pursuant to **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.) for  
30 operating expenses and staff directly related to the administration,  
31 oversight, and evaluation of this **【demonstration】** project. The  
32 remaining federal SNAP ETP reimbursements generated as a direct  
33 result of the activities of the partnering providers and received by  
34 the State pursuant to **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.)  
35 shall be distributed to the partnering providers whose expenditures  
36 generated the federal SNAP ETP reimbursements on a pro-rata  
37 basis and in accordance with the performance-based system for  
38 distributing federal SNAP ETP reimbursements established  
39 pursuant to section 4 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-98).  
40 Within the request for proposals issued pursuant to **【this act】**  
41 P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.), the department shall describe  
42 the performance-based system for distributing federal SNAP ETP  
43 reimbursements and indicate the net percentage of federal SNAP  
44 ETP reimbursements that shall be distributed to partnering  
45 providers.

46 d. The department shall apply for any additional federal funds  
47 which may be available to implement the provisions of **【this act】**  
48 P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.), including, but not limited to,

1 any unobligated, unexpended federal SNAP ETP funds originally  
2 allocated to other state agencies and available for reallocation  
3 pursuant to section 273.7 (d) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations.

4 e. The <sup>1</sup>**【commissioner】** Commissioner of Labor and  
5 Workforce Development<sup>1</sup> may solicit, receive, and accept grants,  
6 funds, or anything of value from any public or private entity and  
7 receive and accept contributions of money, property, labor, or any  
8 other thing of value from any legitimate source to support the  
9 **【demonstration】** project, provided that the commissioner does not  
10 have reason to believe that the entity may have a vested interest in  
11 the decisions of the commissioner or the department concerning the  
12 selection of specific partnering providers.

13 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.8)

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15 9. Section 9 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-103) is amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 9. The <sup>1</sup>**【commissioner】** Commissioner of Labor and Workforce  
18 Development<sup>1</sup> shall issue a report no later than six months  
19 following the effective date of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-  
20 95 et seq.), and annually thereafter no later than September 30 of  
21 each year, to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,  
22 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature summarizing the  
23 participants, activities, and outcomes of the **【demonstration】**  
24 project. The initial report under this section shall include, but not  
25 be limited to, a summary of the request for proposals issued  
26 pursuant to section 4 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-98).  
27 Subsequent reports under this section shall include, but not be  
28 limited to, the identities of the partnering providers selected  
29 pursuant to section 4 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-98) and  
30 a summary of **【demonstration】** project participant demographics,  
31 activities, and outcomes for each partnering provider. The reports  
32 issued pursuant to this section shall not disclose the identities of  
33 any SNAP applicants or recipients and shall adhere to all applicable  
34 federal laws and regulations restricting the unauthorized disclosure  
35 of information concerning applicants for, and recipients of, SNAP  
36 benefits.

37 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.9)

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39 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

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45 Makes Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment  
46 and Training Provider Demonstration Project permanent and  
renames program.

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**SYNOPSIS**

Makes Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Provider Demonstration Project permanent and renames program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.





1 AN ACT concerning the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
2 Employment and Training Provider Demonstration Project and  
3 amending P.L.2013, c.45.

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

7  
8 1. Section 1 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95) is amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 1. **[This act]** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.) shall be known  
11 and may be cited as the "New Jersey SNAP Employment and  
12 Training Provider **[Demonstration]** Project Act."  
13 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.1)

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15 2. Section 2 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-96) is amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 2. As used in **[this act]** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.):

18 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Human Services.

19 **["Demonstration project participant"** means an eligible  
20 participant who elects to participate in the demonstration project  
21 established pursuant to this act.]

22 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

23 "Eligible participant" means a SNAP recipient who qualifies for  
24 participation in NJ SNAP ETP as a voluntary SNAP ETP  
25 participant or as a mandatory SNAP ETP participant.

26 "Mandatory SNAP ETP participant" means a participant in NJ  
27 SNAP ETP who, as a condition of receiving SNAP benefits: is  
28 required to register for work; is required to fulfill SNAP  
29 employment and training requirements; and has not been exempted  
30 from placement in an NJ SNAP ETP component.

31 "New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
32 Employment and Training Provider **[Demonstration]** Project" or  
33 **["demonstration]** project" means the **[demonstration]** project  
34 established pursuant to **[this act]** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et  
35 seq.).

36 "NJ SNAP ETP" means the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition  
37 Assistance Program Employment and Training Program that assists  
38 SNAP recipients with acquiring the skills, training, work, or  
39 experience necessary to obtain regular employment, as established  
40 under the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
41 and as described in the most recent State Employment and Training  
42 Plan submitted to the Food and Nutrition Service in the United  
43 States Department of Agriculture.

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

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 "Non-federal resources" means any of the following resources,  
2 provided that the resources are not from a federal source or used as  
3 a match for other federal funding purposes:

4 (1) cash donations from private firms, charitable foundations, or  
5 non-profit organizations received by partnering providers;

6 (2) local tax levy funds received by partnering providers;

7 (3) certain eligible in-kind contributions received by partnering  
8 providers that are public entities, including property or services  
9 which support the provider's NJ SNAP ETP activities and which are  
10 contributed by non-federal public entities without charge to the  
11 partnering provider; or

12 (4) any other non-federal resources that are currently allowed by  
13 the federal government.

14 "Partnering provider" means a qualifying agency selected to  
15 participate in the **【demonstration】** project.

16 "Project participant" means an eligible participant who elects to  
17 participate in the project established pursuant to P.L.2013, c.45  
18 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).

19 "Qualifying agency" means a local government, non-profit  
20 entity, institution of higher education, foundation, or other eligible  
21 community-based organization that qualifies for allowable federal  
22 SNAP ETP reimbursements pursuant to the federal "Food and  
23 Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.) by  
24 providing allowable services that help SNAP recipients acquire the  
25 skills, training, work, or experience necessary to obtain regular  
26 employment. A qualifying agency may also include a consortium  
27 of organizations.

28 "Service area" means the geographic area of the State in which a  
29 partnering provider provides NJ SNAP ETP services under the  
30 **【demonstration】** project established pursuant to **【this act】**  
31 P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).

32 "SNAP" means the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition  
33 Assistance Program, established pursuant to the federal "Food and  
34 Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.).

35 "SNAP ETP" means the federal Supplemental Nutrition  
36 Assistance Program Employment and Training Program  
37 administered by the Food and Nutrition Service in the United States  
38 Department of Agriculture and established pursuant to the federal  
39 "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011  
40 et seq.) and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

41 "Voluntary SNAP ETP participant" means a participant in NJ  
42 SNAP ETP who: is exempt from the work registration and  
43 employment and training requirements associated with receiving  
44 SNAP benefits; or who is not exempt from work registration but  
45 who has been exempted from SNAP employment and training  
46 requirements or otherwise exempted from placement in an NJ  
47 SNAP ETP component.

48 "Work First New Jersey TANF benefits" means Temporary  
49 Assistance for Needy Families benefits provided under the Work

1 First New Jersey program established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.38  
2 (C.44:10-55 et seq.) in accordance with the federal "Personal  
3 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996,"  
4 Pub.L.104-193 (42 U.S.C. s.601 et seq.).  
5 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.2)

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7 3. Section 3 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-97) is amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 3. a. The Department of Human Services shall establish the  
10 New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
11 Employment and Training Provider **【Demonstration】** Project under  
12 which the department shall form partnerships with qualifying  
13 agencies to provide services to eligible participants under NJ SNAP  
14 ETP and receive federal reimbursements for those services. The  
15 department shall consult with the Department of Labor and  
16 Workforce Development and the county welfare agencies with  
17 respect to the establishment and oversight of the **【demonstration】**  
18 project.

19 b. Applicants for participation as partnering providers in the  
20 **【demonstration】** project shall be qualifying agencies whose  
21 employment and training activities qualify for reimbursement under  
22 the federal SNAP ETP program. Partnering providers in the  
23 **【demonstration】** project shall be selected according to the process  
24 and criteria specified in **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et  
25 seq.).  
26 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.3)

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28 4. Section 4 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-98) is amended to read  
29 as follows:

30 4. a. The commissioner shall issue a request for proposals from  
31 qualifying agencies to participate in the **【demonstration】** project no  
32 later than 60 days following the effective date of **【this act】**  
33 P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).

34 b. (1) The department shall select no fewer than three  
35 partnering providers, from among qualifying agencies submitting  
36 proposals, to participate in the **【demonstration】** project for **【a】** an  
37 initial period of four years. Partnering providers shall provide  
38 services under NJ SNAP ETP to eligible participants and be eligible  
39 to receive federal reimbursements for those services pursuant to the  
40 conditions of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).

41 (2) Subject to the availability of federal funds, the commissioner  
42 shall extend the program beyond the initial four year period. The  
43 commissioner shall issue a new request for proposals and shall  
44 select no fewer than three partnering providers, from among  
45 qualifying agencies submitting proposals, to participate in the  
46 project for each subsequent contract period.

47 c. Each qualifying agency shall be evaluated for participation as  
48 a partnering provider in the **【demonstration】** project based on the

1 agency's capacity to: serve eligible participants under NJ SNAP  
2 ETP; identify and utilize non-federal resources qualifying for  
3 federal SNAP ETP reimbursements pursuant to the federal "Food  
4 and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et  
5 seq.); present and implement a coherent program plan for NJ SNAP  
6 ETP activities, as described in subsection d. of this section; and  
7 perform effectively each of the functions specified in section 6 of  
8 **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-100).

9 d. Each qualifying agency's proposal shall include a program  
10 plan describing how the agency's activities under the  
11 **【demonstration】** project would fulfill the purposes of NJ SNAP  
12 ETP. The program plan shall include, but not be limited to, the  
13 following information:

14 (1) the program goals and objectives, including the agency's  
15 priorities for serving eligible participants in the State;

16 (2) the program design, including: strategies for targeting and  
17 recruiting eligible participants; educational skills and training  
18 activities; work-related activities; job preparation, placement, and  
19 retention activities; strategies for coordinating with the county  
20 welfare agencies and the Department of Labor and Workforce  
21 Development; and strategies for providing support services,  
22 including case management, early intervention, career counseling,  
23 and referrals to additional programs and services;

24 (3) the program budget, including the overall resources to be  
25 used to support the agency's NJ SNAP ETP activities, the specific  
26 non-federal resources to be used to generate federal SNAP ETP  
27 reimbursements, and the intended utilization of anticipated federal  
28 SNAP ETP reimbursements;

29 (4) the extent to which community partners, including  
30 subcontractors, will be involved in the agency's activities; and

31 (5) the agency's plans for performing each of the functions  
32 specified in section 6 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-100).

33 e. In selecting partnering providers for participation in the  
34 **【demonstration】** project, the department shall prioritize partnering  
35 providers that would:

36 (1) serve SNAP recipients with significant barriers to  
37 employment, including, but not limited to: able-bodied adults  
38 without dependents required to participate in employment and  
39 training programs as a condition of receiving SNAP benefits;  
40 individuals with a history of substance abuse or other work  
41 limitations; ex-offenders; individuals with low literacy or limited  
42 English proficiency; veterans who are not eligible for other  
43 employment and training programs; and persons who are 16 through  
44 24 years of age;

45 (2) serve unemployed or underemployed parents, including non-  
46 custodial parents and parents who have exceeded their Work First  
47 New Jersey TANF 60-month lifetime limit on cash assistance;

- 1 (3) provide training in both vocational and technical skills, as  
2 well as "soft skills," including, but not limited to: workplace  
3 preparation training, teamwork, problem solving, time management,  
4 and conflict resolution;
- 5 (4) provide training that results in marketable credentials and  
6 that prepares participants for employment or reemployment in  
7 industries with projections of growth, as the department identifies  
8 those industries in collaboration with the Department of Labor and  
9 Workforce Development;
- 10 (5) conduct job development activities and identify how job  
11 opportunities will be secured to maximize SNAP recipients'  
12 permanent placement in employment providing compensation at the  
13 level of a living wage and opportunities for wage progression; and
- 14 (6) demonstrate a proven history of successful job placement  
15 and retention.
- 16 f. The department may select partnering providers that would  
17 provide NJ SNAP ETP services within any service area including,  
18 but not limited to: the entire State; one or more regions  
19 encompassing several counties; or a single county.
- 20 g. Upon selection of a partnering provider, the department shall  
21 negotiate and execute a memorandum of understanding with the  
22 partnering provider, the Department of Labor and Workforce  
23 Development, and county welfare agencies, as applicable. The  
24 memorandum of understanding shall define the extent and degree of  
25 assistance among the department, the Department of Labor and  
26 Workforce Development, the county welfare agencies, and the  
27 partnering provider.
- 28 h. The commissioner shall establish standards of performance  
29 for partnering providers conducting **【demonstration】** project  
30 activities pursuant to **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.),  
31 including, but not limited to, standards for performing the  
32 programmatic functions and financial functions required pursuant to  
33 section 6 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-100). The  
34 memorandum of understanding negotiated and executed pursuant to  
35 subsection g. of this section shall include a performance-based  
36 system for distributing federal SNAP ETP reimbursements to each  
37 partnering provider based upon the partnering provider's  
38 achievement of the standards of performance.
- 39 i. Upon finding that a partnering provider has not conducted its  
40 **【demonstration】** project activities in accordance with the standards  
41 of performance established in subsection h. of this section or that a  
42 partnering provider has otherwise failed to comply with the  
43 requirements of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.), the  
44 commissioner may: take such action as is necessary to correct the  
45 deficiencies of the provider; and terminate the partnering provider's  
46 participation in the **【demonstration】** project if the provider fails to  
47 take remedial action.
- 48 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.4)

1       5. Section 5 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-99) is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       5. a. A county welfare agency shall collaborate with all  
4 partnering providers whose service areas include the county to:  
5 inform all eligible participants, upon determination of their  
6 eligibility for SNAP benefits, of all **【demonstration】** project  
7 activities operating within the county; permit all eligible  
8 participants to participate in any **【demonstration】** project activities  
9 available within the county; and assist eligible participants with  
10 contacting partnering providers operating **【demonstration】** project  
11 activities. A county welfare agency may advise an eligible  
12 participant as to the applicability and appropriateness of specific  
13 **【demonstration】** activities to the eligible participant's case, but the  
14 county welfare agency shall not assign an eligible participant to  
15 **【demonstration】** project activities without the eligible participant's  
16 consent.

17       b. A partnering provider shall collaborate with all county  
18 welfare agencies within the provider's service area to: inform all  
19 eligible participants, upon determination of their eligibility for  
20 SNAP benefits, of the availability of **【demonstration】** project  
21 services; and assist the county welfare agencies with identifying  
22 those eligible participants for whom participation in the partnering  
23 provider's NJ SNAP ETP activities would be most applicable and  
24 appropriate.

25       c. A partnering provider shall serve all eligible participants  
26 residing within the provider's service area who elect to participate  
27 in the provider's **【demonstration】** project activities. Except as  
28 provided in this section, a partnering provider shall not deny or  
29 terminate the participation of any **【demonstration】** project  
30 participant.

31       d. Mandatory SNAP ETP participants may elect, for the purpose  
32 of fulfilling their SNAP employment and training requirements, to  
33 participate in a partnering provider's **【demonstration】** project  
34 activities. The participation of a mandatory SNAP ETP participant  
35 in a partnering provider's **【demonstration】** project activities shall  
36 constitute placement in an NJ SNAP ETP component and shall  
37 fulfill SNAP employment and training requirements for the duration  
38 of the mandatory SNAP ETP participant's participation. A county  
39 welfare agency shall assign a mandatory SNAP ETP participant  
40 who does not elect to participate in any **【demonstration】** project  
41 activities to another NJ SNAP ETP component outside of the  
42 **【demonstration】** project, as available.

43       e. Mandatory SNAP ETP participants who elect to participate in  
44 **【demonstration】** project activities but who subsequently do not  
45 cooperate with, or participate in, those activities shall not be subject  
46 to penalties for noncompliance with SNAP employment and  
47 training requirements during their participation in the

1 **【demonstration】** project. Partnering providers shall terminate the  
2 **【demonstration】** project participation of any non-cooperating or  
3 non-participating mandatory SNAP ETP participants and refer the  
4 non-cooperating or non-participating mandatory SNAP ETP  
5 participants to the applicable county welfare agency. The applicable  
6 county welfare agency shall assign the non-cooperating or non-  
7 participating mandatory SNAP ETP participant to another NJ SNAP  
8 ETP component outside of the **【demonstration】** project, as  
9 available.

10 f. Nothing in **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.)  
11 shall be construed to limit the authority of the county welfare  
12 agencies or the department to impose penalties for noncompliance  
13 with SNAP employment and training requirements on mandatory  
14 SNAP ETP participants who: are terminated from participation in  
15 **【demonstration】** project activities due to non-cooperation or non-  
16 participation; and subsequently refuse or fail to comply with SNAP  
17 employment and training requirements upon placement within  
18 another NJ SNAP ETP component outside of the **【demonstration】**  
19 project.

20 g. A partnering provider may deny or terminate the participation  
21 of any **【demonstration】** project participant who is not appropriately  
22 matched to the partnering provider's **【demonstration】** project  
23 activities upon obtaining approval from the applicable county  
24 welfare agency.  
25 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.5)

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27 6. Section 6 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-100) is amended to read  
28 as follows:

29 6. a. Each partnering provider shall be required to perform the  
30 following programmatic functions and to maintain sufficient  
31 capacity to perform these functions effectively:

32 (1) assist **【demonstration】** project participants with obtaining  
33 and retaining employment;

34 (2) provide **【demonstration】** project participants with  
35 appropriate NJ SNAP ETP services and participant reimbursements  
36 that fulfill the purposes of NJ SNAP ETP and that qualify for  
37 federal SNAP ETP reimbursements. These services and participant  
38 reimbursements may include, but are not limited to: job search and  
39 placement services; job readiness assistance; education or training  
40 that improves basic skills and general employability; specific job  
41 skills training or vocational education; work experience that  
42 improves the employability of **【demonstration】** project participants;  
43 subsidized employment; workfare; self-employment training;  
44 services related to the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998,  
45 Pub.L.105-220 (29 U.S.C. s.2801 et seq.); job retention services; or  
46 reimbursements for **【demonstration】** project participant expenses,  
47 including dependent care costs, transportation expenses, books or  
48 training manuals, fees, uniforms, equipment and tools required for

- 1 employment, or personal safety items required for program  
2 participation;
- 3 (3) assess and place **【demonstration】** project participants into  
4 appropriate NJ SNAP ETP services, as defined in paragraph (2) of  
5 this subsection;
- 6 (4) provide **【demonstration】** project participants with support  
7 services, including case management, early intervention, career  
8 counseling, and referrals to additional programs and services;
- 9 (5) verify whether potential **【demonstration】** project  
10 participants are receiving SNAP benefits and make referrals, as  
11 appropriate, to assist potential **【demonstration】** project participants  
12 with applying for SNAP benefits;
- 13 (6) collaborate with county welfare agencies to develop  
14 processes and materials that: inform eligible participants regarding  
15 **【demonstration】** project activities within each county, in  
16 accordance with each partnering provider's service area; facilitate  
17 eligible participants' communications with partnering providers  
18 regarding participation in **【demonstration】** project activities; and  
19 assist eligible participants with rendering decisions regarding their  
20 participation in **【demonstration】** project activities;
- 21 (7) assist **【demonstration】** project participants with continuing  
22 to meet administrative requirements, work requirements,  
23 employment and training requirements, and other requirements for  
24 maintaining SNAP eligibility;
- 25 (8) coordinate with the department and county welfare agencies  
26 on a monthly basis to verify that **【demonstration】** project  
27 participants are receiving SNAP benefits and are not receiving  
28 Work First New Jersey TANF benefits;
- 29 (9) coordinate with the county welfare agencies and the  
30 department to distinguish mandatory SNAP ETP participants from  
31 voluntary SNAP ETP participants;
- 32 (10) provide uninterrupted NJ SNAP ETP services and  
33 participant reimbursements to mandatory SNAP ETP participants  
34 electing to participate in the **【demonstration】** project who become  
35 voluntary SNAP ETP participants and to voluntary SNAP ETP  
36 participants electing to participate in the **【demonstration】** project  
37 who become mandatory SNAP ETP participants, subject to the  
38 provisions for terminating **【demonstration】** project participation  
39 pursuant to section 5 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-99);
- 40 (11) maintain program records and report to the department the  
41 following monthly information for each claimed NJ SNAP ETP  
42 participant: program, participant name, participant Social Security  
43 number, services and reimbursements received, and weekly hours;
- 44 (12) prepare and submit to the department invoice and  
45 certification letters each quarter for the total non-federal resources  
46 and program expenditures qualifying for federal SNAP ETP  
47 reimbursements for the quarter;



1 (13) monitor **【demonstration】** project participants and  
2 subcontractors and provide detailed reports of participants,  
3 activities, and outcomes to the department on a regular basis;

4 (14) devote sufficient staff time and expertise to fulfill NJ  
5 SNAP ETP administrative and reporting requirements;

6 (15) collaborate with the department to ensure that federal  
7 SNAP ETP reimbursements received under the **【demonstration】**  
8 program are expended in accordance with all applicable federal  
9 laws and regulations; and

10 (16) report to the department and county welfare agencies on a  
11 monthly basis the identities of any mandatory SNAP ETP  
12 participants who are not cooperating with, or participating in,  
13 assigned services or work, as applicable to mandatory SNAP ETP  
14 participants who elect to participate in the **【demonstration】** project.

15 b. Each partnering provider shall be required to perform the  
16 following financial functions and to maintain sufficient capacity to  
17 perform the functions effectively:

18 (1) maintain cash flow necessary to manage the delay from  
19 program outlays to SNAP ETP reimbursements;

20 (2) manage federal grants, track expenditures, and ensure that  
21 non-federal resources and program expenditures qualify for federal  
22 SNAP ETP reimbursements;

23 (3) perform cost allocation using multiple funds;

24 (4) track staff time devoted to NJ SNAP ETP activities under  
25 this **【demonstration】** project; and

26 (5) maintain records for State audits.

27 c. Partnering providers may establish agreements with  
28 subcontracting organizations to support their NJ SNAP ETP  
29 activities under this **【demonstration】** project.

30 d. The department shall consider educational activities serving  
31 eligible participants at community colleges as qualifying for federal  
32 SNAP ETP reimbursements to the greatest extent allowable under  
33 federal laws and regulations. In accordance with section 273.5 of  
34 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, individuals enrolled at least  
35 half-time in an institution of higher education who are assigned to,  
36 or placed in, an NJ SNAP ETP educational activity, including  
37 individuals who voluntarily participate in NJ SNAP ETP activities  
38 or who otherwise make self-initiated placements, and who meet all  
39 SNAP eligibility requirements shall be determined eligible for  
40 SNAP benefits and shall be eligible for participation in the  
41 **【demonstration】** project.

42 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.6)

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44 7. Section 7 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-101) is amended to read  
45 as follows:

46 7. a. The county welfare agencies, under the oversight of the  
47 department, shall assist partnering providers by:

- 1 (1) collaborating with partnering providers, the department, and  
2 the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to conduct  
3 outreach to potential **【demonstration】** project participants and to  
4 refer potential **【demonstration】** project participants to the  
5 partnering providers;
- 6 (2) collaborating with partnering providers to develop processes  
7 and materials that inform eligible participants regarding: the  
8 availability of **【demonstration】** project activities within each  
9 county, in accordance with each partnering provider's service area;  
10 the option for eligible participants to participate in **【demonstration】**  
11 project activities; the applicability and appropriateness of specific  
12 **【demonstration】** activities to the eligible participant's case; and the  
13 means by which eligible participants may contact partnering  
14 providers regarding **【demonstration】** project participation;
- 15 (3) determining potential **【demonstration】** project participants'  
16 SNAP eligibility and providing the results of eligibility  
17 determinations to partnering providers;
- 18 (4) developing and implementing a process to verify that  
19 potential **【demonstration】** project participants are receiving SNAP  
20 benefits and not receiving Work First New Jersey TANF benefits  
21 and ensuring that this verification process adheres to all applicable  
22 federal laws and regulations restricting the unauthorized disclosure  
23 of information concerning applicants for, and recipients of, SNAP  
24 or TANF benefits;
- 25 (5) determining each potential **【demonstration】** project  
26 participant's status as a voluntary SNAP ETP participant or a  
27 mandatory SNAP ETP participant, in coordination with partnering  
28 providers;
- 29 (6) confirming each **【demonstration】** project participant's SNAP  
30 eligibility on a monthly basis; and
- 31 (7) collaborating with partnering providers to develop criteria  
32 and procedures for terminating the participation of eligible  
33 participants in a partnering provider's **【demonstration】** project  
34 activities including, but not limited to: eligible participants who are  
35 not appropriately matched to a partnering provider's  
36 **【demonstration】** project activities; and any mandatory SNAP ETP  
37 participants who are not cooperating with, or participating in,  
38 assigned services or work, as applicable to mandatory SNAP ETP  
39 participants who elect to participate in the **【demonstration】** project.
- 40 b. The department shall, in consultation with the county welfare  
41 agencies and the Department of Labor and Workforce  
42 Development:
  - 43 (1) assist partnering providers with understanding the  
44 administrative requirements, work requirements, employment and  
45 training requirements, and other requirements for **【demonstration】**  
46 project participants to maintain SNAP eligibility;

1 (2) assist partnering providers with understanding the  
2 requirements for non-federal resources and program expenditures to  
3 generate federal SNAP ETP reimbursements;

4 (3) submit requests for federal SNAP ETP reimbursements and  
5 fulfill all reporting and other SNAP ETP administrative  
6 responsibilities required by the Food and Nutrition Service in the  
7 United States Department of Agriculture;

8 (4) distribute federal SNAP ETP reimbursements received by  
9 the State under this **【demonstration】** project to the partnering  
10 providers whose non-federal resources and program expenditures  
11 generated the federal reimbursements, in accordance with the  
12 provisions of section 8 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-102);

13 (5) collect data concerning partnering providers and  
14 **【demonstration】** project participants, activities, and outcomes; and

15 (6) audit partnering providers on a routine basis to ensure fiscal  
16 and program integrity.

17 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.7)

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19 8. Section 8 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-102) is amended to read  
20 as follows:

21 8. a. The department shall submit a revised State Employment  
22 and Training Plan to the Food and Nutrition Service in the United  
23 States Department of Agriculture, in accordance with section 273.7  
24 (c) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, in order to expand NJ  
25 SNAP ETP to include **【demonstration】** project partnerships with  
26 qualifying agencies. The revised State Employment and Training  
27 Plan shall define the services to be provided under NJ SNAP ETP,  
28 including, but not limited to, the **【demonstration】** project services  
29 provided pursuant to **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).  
30 The department shall submit the revised State Employment and  
31 Training Plan to the Food and Nutrition Service as soon as  
32 practicable but no later than the first day of the seventh month next  
33 following the effective date of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-  
34 95 et seq.).

35 b. The commissioner shall take such additional steps as may be  
36 necessary to secure approval from the Food and Nutrition Service in  
37 the United States Department of Agriculture for this  
38 **【demonstration】** project and to ensure that the State and partnering  
39 providers are in compliance with all applicable provisions of federal  
40 and State laws and regulations.

41 c. The department may reserve up to five percent of the federal  
42 SNAP ETP reimbursements generated as a direct result of the  
43 activities of the partnering providers and received by the State  
44 pursuant to **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.) for  
45 operating expenses and staff directly related to the administration,  
46 oversight, and evaluation of this **【demonstration】** project. The  
47 remaining federal SNAP ETP reimbursements generated as a direct  
48 result of the activities of the partnering providers and received by

1 the State pursuant to **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.)  
2 shall be distributed to the partnering providers whose expenditures  
3 generated the federal SNAP ETP reimbursements on a pro-rata  
4 basis and in accordance with the performance-based system for  
5 distributing federal SNAP ETP reimbursements established  
6 pursuant to section 4 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-98).  
7 Within the request for proposals issued pursuant to **【this act】**  
8 P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.), the department shall describe  
9 the performance-based system for distributing federal SNAP ETP  
10 reimbursements and indicate the net percentage of federal SNAP  
11 ETP reimbursements that shall be distributed to partnering  
12 providers.

13 d. The department shall apply for any additional federal funds  
14 which may be available to implement the provisions of **【this act】**  
15 P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.), including, but not limited to,  
16 any unobligated, unexpended federal SNAP ETP funds originally  
17 allocated to other state agencies and available for reallocation  
18 pursuant to section 273.7 (d) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations.

19 e. The commissioner may solicit, receive, and accept grants,  
20 funds, or anything of value from any public or private entity and  
21 receive and accept contributions of money, property, labor, or any  
22 other thing of value from any legitimate source to support the  
23 **【demonstration】** project, provided that the commissioner does not  
24 have reason to believe that the entity may have a vested interest in  
25 the decisions of the commissioner or the department concerning the  
26 selection of specific partnering providers.

27 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.8)

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29 9. Section 9 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-103) is amended to read  
30 as follows:

31 9. The commissioner shall issue a report no later than six  
32 months following the effective date of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45  
33 (C.44:10-95 et seq.), and annually thereafter no later than  
34 September 30 of each year, to the Governor and, pursuant to section  
35 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature summarizing  
36 the participants, activities, and outcomes of the **【demonstration】**  
37 project. The initial report under this section shall include, but not  
38 be limited to, a summary of the request for proposals issued  
39 pursuant to section 4 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-98).  
40 Subsequent reports under this section shall include, but not be  
41 limited to, the identities of the partnering providers selected  
42 pursuant to section 4 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-98) and  
43 a summary of **【demonstration】** project participant demographics,  
44 activities, and outcomes for each partnering provider. The reports  
45 issued pursuant to this section shall not disclose the identities of  
46 any SNAP applicants or recipients and shall adhere to all applicable  
47 federal laws and regulations restricting the unauthorized disclosure

1 of information concerning applicants for, and recipients of, SNAP  
2 benefits.

3 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.9)

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5 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill makes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
11 Employment and Training Provider Demonstration Project  
12 permanent, and renames the program to recognize that it would no  
13 longer be a demonstration program.

14 The SNAP ETP Provider Demonstration Project was enacted into  
15 law in 2013, and began operation in 2014. The project is intended  
16 to allow SNAP participants to obtain job training and develop the  
17 necessary skills to find and keep regular employment. As of early  
18 2018, the program provides grants to two entities: Blessed  
19 Ministries, Inc. and YouthBuild Newark, Inc. The authorizing  
20 statute specifies that the demonstration project is to run for four  
21 years, and so these contracts are set to expire in August 2018. This  
22 bill would allow the agencies currently participating in the program,  
23 as well as new agencies, to apply to provide job and skills training  
24 services to SNAP participants in the future.

# ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 1948**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 17, 2019

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1948 (1R), with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill makes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training Provider (ETP) Demonstration Project permanent, renames the program, and transfer it and other NJ SNAP employment and training programs to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD).

The SNAP ETP Demonstration Project was enacted into law in 2013, and providers were contracted to provide employment and training services as of January 2016. The authorizing statute specifies that the demonstration project is to run for four years. The project is intended to allow SNAP participants to obtain job training and develop the necessary skills to find and keep regular employment. In fiscal year 2018, the program provided grants to two entities: Blessed Ministries, Inc. and YouthBuild Newark, Inc. This bill would allow these agencies, and other agencies, to apply for grant funds to provide job and skills training services to SNAP participants into the future.

As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3647, as amended and reported by the committee.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that this bill will increase State revenue due to the receipt of federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Program (SNAP ETP) reimbursements for qualifying program expenses incurred by partnering providers, as well as eligible administrative expenses incurred by the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD), and County Welfare Agencies (CWAs), under the New Jersey SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) Provider 50/50 Match Project. This project reflects the permanent implementation, with modifications to State agency administrative roles, of the existing NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project.

The federal revenue generated will be dependent upon the availability of funds, the scope of ETP services offered by providers under the bill, and the administrative costs of implementing and

supporting the project. The estimate assumes that in continuing the program beyond its pilot phase, State expenditures will be confined to the amount of federal revenue received.

The OLS does not have access to data indicating the costs of the existing NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project, and therefore cannot quantify the potential impact of this bill.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 1948**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 18, 2019

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1948, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill makes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training Provider (ETP) Demonstration Project permanent, renames the program, and transfer it and other NJ SNAP employment and training programs to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD).

The SNAP ETP Demonstration Project was enacted into law in 2013, and providers were contracted to provide employment and training services as of January 2016. The authorizing statute specifies that the demonstration project is to run for four years. The project is intended to allow SNAP participants to obtain job training and develop the necessary skills to find and keep regular employment. In fiscal year 2018, the program provided grants to two entities: Blessed Ministries, Inc. and YouthBuild Newark, Inc. This bill would allow these agencies, and other agencies, to apply for grant funds to provide job and skills training services to SNAP participants into the future.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments rename the project as the “New Jersey SNAP Employment and Training Provider 50/50 Match Project, require the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the DOLWD to enter into a memorandum of understanding by which the DOLWD would administer and operate the project and NJ SNAP ETP activities, and which memorandum is to detail the process by which funds for the support of the project and other NJ SNAP ETP activities are to be transferred from DHS to the DOLWD.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that this bill will increase State revenue due to the receipt of federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training Program (ETP) reimbursements for qualifying SNAP ETP expenses incurred by partnering providers under the New Jersey SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) Provider Project, as established under the bill. This project is the permanent implementation, with



modifications as to State agency administrative roles, of the existing NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project and conforms to the provisions of P.L.2013, c.45. The federal revenue generated will be dependent upon the availability of funds and the scope of ETP services offered by providers under the bill. The estimate assumes that in continuing the program beyond its pilot phase, State expenditures on the program will be confined to the amount of federal revenue received.

The Division of Family Development (DFD) within the Department of Human Services (DHS) and County Welfare Agencies (CWAs) may also incur costs in the administration of the NJ SNAP E&T Provider Project, due to the need for partnering providers to collaborate and coordinate with those agencies for the benefit of project participants. It is possible that certain costs may be reduced or eliminated by the revenues generated under the bill or existing State and local resources. The OLS does not have access to data indicating the costs to the DFD and CWAs under the existing NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project, and therefore cannot quantify the potential impact of this bill on such entities.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1948**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1948.

This bill makes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training Provider (ETP) Demonstration Project permanent, and renames the program to recognize that it would no longer be a demonstration program.

The SNAP ETP Demonstration Project was enacted into law in 2013, and began operation in 2014. The authorizing statute specifies that the demonstration project is to run for four years. The project is intended to allow SNAP participants to obtain job training and develop the necessary skills to find and keep regular employment. In fiscal year 2018, the program provided grants to two entities: Blessed Ministries, Inc. and YouthBuild Newark, Inc. This bill would allow these agencies, as well as new agencies, to apply for grant funds to continue to provide job and skills training services to SNAP participants into the future.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

## SENATE, No. 1948 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 29, 2019

### SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Makes Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Provider Demonstration Project permanent and renames program.
- Type of Impact:** Annual increase in State expenditures and revenue; General Fund.  
Annual increase in County expenditures and revenue.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Human Services; Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Counties.

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

| <b>Fiscal Impact</b>          | <b><u>Annual</u></b> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>State Cost Increase</b>    | Indeterminate        |
| <b>State Revenue Increase</b> | Indeterminate        |
| <b>Local Cost Increase</b>    | Indeterminate        |
| <b>Local Revenue Increase</b> | Indeterminate        |

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that this bill will increase State revenue due to the receipt of federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Program (SNAP ETP) reimbursements for qualifying program expenses incurred by partnering providers, as well as eligible administrative expenses incurred by the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD), and County Welfare Agencies (CWAs), under the New Jersey SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) Provider 50/50 Match Project. This project reflects the permanent implementation, with modifications to State agency administrative roles, of the existing NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project.
- The federal revenue generated will be dependent upon the availability of funds, the scope of ETP services offered by providers under the bill, and the administrative costs of implementing and supporting the project. The estimate assumes that in continuing the program beyond its pilot phase, State expenditures will be confined to the amount of federal revenue received.

- The OLS does not have access to data indicating the costs of the existing NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project, and therefore cannot quantify the potential impact of this bill.

## **BILL DESCRIPTION**

This bill makes the NJ SNAP E&T Provider Demonstration Project, established in accordance with P.L.2013, c.45 permanent, and renames the program the NJ SNAP E&T Provider 50/50 Match Project. The bill requires the DHS to establish the project and enter into a memorandum of understanding with the DOLWD, which would administer and operate the project and NJ SNAP ETP activities. The memorandum is to detail the process by which funds that support of the project and other NJ SNAP ETP activities will be transferred from DHS to the DOLWD. As under current law, the DHS is required to form partnerships with qualifying agencies to provide services to eligible participants and to receive federal funds for those services. The DOLWD is required, subject to the availability of federal funds, to annually issue a new request for proposals and maintain the participation of no fewer than three partnering providers from among qualifying agencies submitting proposals.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

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

The OLS concludes that this bill will increase State revenue due to the receipt of federal SNAP ETP reimbursements for qualifying SNAP ETP program expenses incurred by partnering providers, as well as for qualifying administrative expenses incurred by the DHS, the DOLWD, and CWAs for the New Jersey SNAP E&T Provider 50/50 Match Project established under the bill. This project reflects the permanent implementation, with modifications to State agency administrative roles, of the existing NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project.

The federal revenue generated will be dependent upon the availability of funds, the scope of ETP services offered by providers under the bill, and the administrative costs of implementing and supporting the project. The estimate assumes that in continuing the program beyond its pilot phase, State expenditures will be confined to the amount of federal revenue received. The OLS does not have access to data indicating the costs of the existing NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project, and therefore cannot quantify the potential impact of this bill.

Under the bill, the participating providers in the SNAP E&T Provider 50/50 Match Project are to identify and utilize non-federal resources which are eligible to receive federal SNAP ETP reimbursements for providing services to eligible participants. Such reimbursements are known as 50 percent reimbursement grants (“50-50 funds”) and are authorized under the “Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018,” a five-year reauthorization of the federal farm bill. Through 50-50 funds, the federal government reimburses states, which are authorized to partner with third-party organizations, for up to 50 percent of SNAP ETP program costs that exceed their federal ETP formula grant. Reimbursable services include: 1) administrative costs; and 2) expenses directly related to participation in the program such adult education and training costs, as well as

supportive service expenses necessary for individuals to participate in SNAP ETP, which include child care, transportation, supplies, and books. Unlike the formula grant, 50-50 funds are uncapped.

The OLS notes that, in addition to federal SNAP ETP reimbursements for administrative costs, the bill allows five percent of federal SNAP ETP reimbursements generated as a direct result of the activities of the partnering providers to be reserved for operating expenses and staff directly related to the administration, oversight, and evaluation of the project. The OLS cannot predict how these funds may be dispersed among the DHS, DOLWD, and CWAs.

Under the demonstration project, the DHS, Division of Family Development entered into contracts with Blessed Ministries, Inc. and with YouthBuild Newark, Inc. on January 1, 2016. While the law requires three partnering providers, the DHS notes in a report regarding the demonstration project that the department only received two complete bids in response to a request for proposals published on June 16, 2014. Between the two providers, 321 eligible SNAP recipients participated in SNAP ETP services.<sup>1</sup> According to the FY 2015 Budget in Brief (see page 47), the State anticipated a \$500,000 grant from the Nicholson Foundation, matched by \$500,000 in federal 50-50 funds, to support the implementation of the NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project.<sup>2</sup>

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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.).

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/reports/2016%20NJ%20SNAP%20-%20Employment%20and%20Training%20Provider%20Demonstration%20Project%20Report.pdf>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.nj.gov/treasury/omb/publications/15bib/BIB.pdf>

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3647

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 12, 2018

**Sponsored by:**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Makes Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Provider Demonstration Project permanent and renames program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/8/2018)**

1 AN ACT concerning the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
2 Employment and Training Provider Demonstration Project and  
3 amending P.L.2013, c.45.

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

7  
8 1. Section 1 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95) is amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 1. **[This act]** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.) shall be known  
11 and may be cited as the "New Jersey SNAP Employment and  
12 Training Provider **[Demonstration]** Project Act."  
13 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.1)

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15 2. Section 2 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-96) is amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 2. As used in **[this act]** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.):

18 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Human Services.

19 **["Demonstration project participant"** means an eligible  
20 participant who elects to participate in the demonstration project  
21 established pursuant to this act.]

22 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

23 "Eligible participant" means a SNAP recipient who qualifies for  
24 participation in NJ SNAP ETP as a voluntary SNAP ETP  
25 participant or as a mandatory SNAP ETP participant.

26 "Mandatory SNAP ETP participant" means a participant in NJ  
27 SNAP ETP who, as a condition of receiving SNAP benefits: is  
28 required to register for work; is required to fulfill SNAP  
29 employment and training requirements; and has not been exempted  
30 from placement in an NJ SNAP ETP component.

31 "New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
32 Employment and Training Provider **[Demonstration]** Project" or  
33 **["demonstration]** project" means the **[demonstration]** project  
34 established pursuant to **[this act]** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et  
35 seq.).

36 "NJ SNAP ETP" means the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition  
37 Assistance Program Employment and Training Program that assists  
38 SNAP recipients with acquiring the skills, training, work, or  
39 experience necessary to obtain regular employment, as established  
40 under the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
41 and as described in the most recent State Employment and Training  
42 Plan submitted to the Food and Nutrition Service in the United  
43 States Department of Agriculture.

44 "Non-federal resources" means any of the following resources,  
45 provided that the resources are not from a federal source or used as  
46 a match for other federal funding purposes:

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

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

- 1 (1) cash donations from private firms, charitable foundations, or  
2 non-profit organizations received by partnering providers;  
3 (2) local tax levy funds received by partnering providers;  
4 (3) certain eligible in-kind contributions received by partnering  
5 providers that are public entities, including property or services  
6 which support the provider's NJ SNAP ETP activities and which are  
7 contributed by non-federal public entities without charge to the  
8 partnering provider; or  
9 (4) any other non-federal resources that are currently allowed by  
10 the federal government.

11 "Partnering provider" means a qualifying agency selected to  
12 participate in the **【demonstration】** project.

13 "Project participant" means an eligible participant who elects to  
14 participate in the project established pursuant to P.L.2013, c.45  
15 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).

16 "Qualifying agency" means a local government, non-profit  
17 entity, institution of higher education, foundation, or other eligible  
18 community-based organization that qualifies for allowable federal  
19 SNAP ETP reimbursements pursuant to the federal "Food and  
20 Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.) by  
21 providing allowable services that help SNAP recipients acquire the  
22 skills, training, work, or experience necessary to obtain regular  
23 employment. A qualifying agency may also include a consortium  
24 of organizations.

25 "Service area" means the geographic area of the State in which a  
26 partnering provider provides NJ SNAP ETP services under the  
27 **【demonstration】** project established pursuant to **【this act】**  
28 P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).

29 "SNAP" means the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition  
30 Assistance Program, established pursuant to the federal "Food and  
31 Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.).

32 "SNAP ETP" means the federal Supplemental Nutrition  
33 Assistance Program Employment and Training Program  
34 administered by the Food and Nutrition Service in the United States  
35 Department of Agriculture and established pursuant to the federal  
36 "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011  
37 et seq.) and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

38 "Voluntary SNAP ETP participant" means a participant in NJ  
39 SNAP ETP who: is exempt from the work registration and  
40 employment and training requirements associated with receiving  
41 SNAP benefits; or who is not exempt from work registration but  
42 who has been exempted from SNAP employment and training  
43 requirements or otherwise exempted from placement in an NJ  
44 SNAP ETP component.

45 "Work First New Jersey TANF benefits" means Temporary  
46 Assistance for Needy Families benefits provided under the Work  
47 First New Jersey program established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.38  
48 (C.44:10-55 et seq.) in accordance with the federal "Personal



1 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996,"  
2 Pub.L.104-193 (42 U.S.C. s.601 et seq.).  
3 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.2)

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5 3. Section 3 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-97) is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 3. a. The Department of Human Services shall establish the  
8 New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
9 Employment and Training Provider **【Demonstration】** Project under  
10 which the department shall form partnerships with qualifying  
11 agencies to provide services to eligible participants under NJ SNAP  
12 ETP and receive federal reimbursements for those services. The  
13 department shall consult with the Department of Labor and  
14 Workforce Development and the county welfare agencies with  
15 respect to the establishment and oversight of the **【demonstration】**  
16 project.

17 b. Applicants for participation as partnering providers in the  
18 **【demonstration】** project shall be qualifying agencies whose  
19 employment and training activities qualify for reimbursement under  
20 the federal SNAP ETP program. Partnering providers in the  
21 **【demonstration】** project shall be selected according to the process  
22 and criteria specified in **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et  
23 seq.).  
24 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.3)

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26 4. Section 4 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-98) is amended to read  
27 as follows:

28 4. a. The commissioner shall issue a request for proposals from  
29 qualifying agencies to participate in the **【demonstration】** project no  
30 later than 60 days following the effective date of **【this act】**  
31 P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).

32 b. (1) The department shall select no fewer than three partnering  
33 providers, from among qualifying agencies submitting proposals, to  
34 participate in the **【demonstration】** project for **【a】** an initial  
35 period of four years. Partnering providers shall provide services under NJ  
36 SNAP ETP to eligible participants and be eligible to receive federal  
37 reimbursements for those services pursuant to the conditions of  
38 **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).

39 (2) Subject to the availability of federal funds, the commissioner  
40 shall extend the program beyond the initial four year period. The  
41 commissioner shall issue a new request for proposals and shall  
42 select no fewer than three partnering providers, from among  
43 qualifying agencies submitting proposals, to participate in the  
44 project for each subsequent contract period.

45 c. Each qualifying agency shall be evaluated for participation as  
46 a partnering provider in the **【demonstration】** project based on the  
47 agency's capacity to: serve eligible participants under NJ SNAP

1 ETP; identify and utilize non-federal resources qualifying for  
2 federal SNAP ETP reimbursements pursuant to the federal "Food  
3 and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et  
4 seq.); present and implement a coherent program plan for NJ SNAP  
5 ETP activities, as described in subsection d. of this section; and  
6 perform effectively each of the functions specified in section 6 of  
7 **[this act]** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-100).

8 d. Each qualifying agency's proposal shall include a program  
9 plan describing how the agency's activities under the  
10 **[demonstration]** project would fulfill the purposes of NJ SNAP  
11 ETP. The program plan shall include, but not be limited to, the  
12 following information:

13 (1) the program goals and objectives, including the agency's  
14 priorities for serving eligible participants in the State;

15 (2) the program design, including: strategies for targeting and  
16 recruiting eligible participants; educational skills and training  
17 activities; work-related activities; job preparation, placement, and  
18 retention activities; strategies for coordinating with the county  
19 welfare agencies and the Department of Labor and Workforce  
20 Development; and strategies for providing support services,  
21 including case management, early intervention, career counseling,  
22 and referrals to additional programs and services;

23 (3) the program budget, including the overall resources to be  
24 used to support the agency's NJ SNAP ETP activities, the specific  
25 non-federal resources to be used to generate federal SNAP ETP  
26 reimbursements, and the intended utilization of anticipated federal  
27 SNAP ETP reimbursements;

28 (4) the extent to which community partners, including  
29 subcontractors, will be involved in the agency's activities; and

30 (5) the agency's plans for performing each of the functions  
31 specified in section 6 of **[this act]** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-100).

32 e. In selecting partnering providers for participation in the  
33 **[demonstration]** project, the department shall prioritize partnering  
34 providers that would:

35 (1) serve SNAP recipients with significant barriers to  
36 employment, including, but not limited to: able-bodied adults  
37 without dependents required to participate in employment and  
38 training programs as a condition of receiving SNAP benefits;  
39 individuals with a history of substance abuse or other work  
40 limitations; ex-offenders; individuals with low literacy or limited  
41 English proficiency; veterans who are not eligible for other  
42 employment and training programs; and persons who are 16 through  
43 24 years of age;

44 (2) serve unemployed or underemployed parents, including non-  
45 custodial parents and parents who have exceeded their Work First  
46 New Jersey TANF 60-month lifetime limit on cash assistance;

47 (3) provide training in both vocational and technical skills, as  
48 well as "soft skills," including, but not limited to: workplace

- 1 preparation training, teamwork, problem solving, time management,  
2 and conflict resolution;
- 3 (4) provide training that results in marketable credentials and  
4 that prepares participants for employment or reemployment in  
5 industries with projections of growth, as the department identifies  
6 those industries in collaboration with the Department of Labor and  
7 Workforce Development;
- 8 (5) conduct job development activities and identify how job  
9 opportunities will be secured to maximize SNAP recipients'  
10 permanent placement in employment providing compensation at the  
11 level of a living wage and opportunities for wage progression; and
- 12 (6) demonstrate a proven history of successful job placement  
13 and retention.
- 14 f. The department may select partnering providers that would  
15 provide NJ SNAP ETP services within any service area including,  
16 but not limited to: the entire State; one or more regions  
17 encompassing several counties; or a single county.
- 18 g. Upon selection of a partnering provider, the department shall  
19 negotiate and execute a memorandum of understanding with the  
20 partnering provider, the Department of Labor and Workforce  
21 Development, and county welfare agencies, as applicable. The  
22 memorandum of understanding shall define the extent and degree of  
23 assistance among the department, the Department of Labor and  
24 Workforce Development, the county welfare agencies, and the  
25 partnering provider.
- 26 h. The commissioner shall establish standards of performance  
27 for partnering providers conducting **【demonstration】** project  
28 activities pursuant to **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.),  
29 including, but not limited to, standards for performing the  
30 programmatic functions and financial functions required pursuant to  
31 section 6 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-100). The  
32 memorandum of understanding negotiated and executed pursuant to  
33 subsection g. of this section shall include a performance-based  
34 system for distributing federal SNAP ETP reimbursements to each  
35 partnering provider based upon the partnering provider's  
36 achievement of the standards of performance.
- 37 i. Upon finding that a partnering provider has not conducted its  
38 **【demonstration】** project activities in accordance with the standards  
39 of performance established in subsection h. of this section or that a  
40 partnering provider has otherwise failed to comply with the  
41 requirements of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.), the  
42 commissioner may: take such action as is necessary to correct the  
43 deficiencies of the provider; and terminate the partnering provider's  
44 participation in the **【demonstration】** project if the provider fails to  
45 take remedial action.
- 46 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.4)

1       5. Section 5 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-99) is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       5. a. A county welfare agency shall collaborate with all  
4 partnering providers whose service areas include the county to:  
5 inform all eligible participants, upon determination of their  
6 eligibility for SNAP benefits, of all **【demonstration】** project  
7 activities operating within the county; permit all eligible  
8 participants to participate in any **【demonstration】** project activities  
9 available within the county; and assist eligible participants with  
10 contacting partnering providers operating **【demonstration】** project  
11 activities. A county welfare agency may advise an eligible  
12 participant as to the applicability and appropriateness of specific  
13 **【demonstration】** activities to the eligible participant's case, but the  
14 county welfare agency shall not assign an eligible participant to  
15 **【demonstration】** project activities without the eligible participant's  
16 consent.

17       b. A partnering provider shall collaborate with all county  
18 welfare agencies within the provider's service area to: inform all  
19 eligible participants, upon determination of their eligibility for  
20 SNAP benefits, of the availability of **【demonstration】** project  
21 services; and assist the county welfare agencies with identifying  
22 those eligible participants for whom participation in the partnering  
23 provider's NJ SNAP ETP activities would be most applicable and  
24 appropriate.

25       c. A partnering provider shall serve all eligible participants  
26 residing within the provider's service area who elect to participate  
27 in the provider's **【demonstration】** project activities. Except as  
28 provided in this section, a partnering provider shall not deny or  
29 terminate the participation of any **【demonstration】** project  
30 participant.

31       d. Mandatory SNAP ETP participants may elect, for the purpose  
32 of fulfilling their SNAP employment and training requirements, to  
33 participate in a partnering provider's **【demonstration】** project  
34 activities. The participation of a mandatory SNAP ETP participant  
35 in a partnering provider's **【demonstration】** project activities shall  
36 constitute placement in an NJ SNAP ETP component and shall  
37 fulfill SNAP employment and training requirements for the duration  
38 of the mandatory SNAP ETP participant's participation. A county  
39 welfare agency shall assign a mandatory SNAP ETP participant  
40 who does not elect to participate in any **【demonstration】** project  
41 activities to another NJ SNAP ETP component outside of the  
42 **【demonstration】** project, as available.

43       e. Mandatory SNAP ETP participants who elect to participate in  
44 **【demonstration】** project activities but who subsequently do not  
45 cooperate with, or participate in, those activities shall not be subject  
46 to penalties for noncompliance with SNAP employment and  
47 training requirements during their participation in the

1 **【demonstration】** project. Partnering providers shall terminate the  
2 **【demonstration】** project participation of any non-cooperating or  
3 non-participating mandatory SNAP ETP participants and refer the  
4 non-cooperating or non-participating mandatory SNAP ETP  
5 participants to the applicable county welfare agency. The applicable  
6 county welfare agency shall assign the non-cooperating or non-  
7 participating mandatory SNAP ETP participant to another NJ SNAP  
8 ETP component outside of the **【demonstration】** project, as  
9 available.

10 f. Nothing in **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.)  
11 shall be construed to limit the authority of the county welfare  
12 agencies or the department to impose penalties for noncompliance  
13 with SNAP employment and training requirements on mandatory  
14 SNAP ETP participants who: are terminated from participation in  
15 **【demonstration】** project activities due to non-cooperation or non-  
16 participation; and subsequently refuse or fail to comply with SNAP  
17 employment and training requirements upon placement within  
18 another NJ SNAP ETP component outside of the **【demonstration】**  
19 project.

20 g. A partnering provider may deny or terminate the participation  
21 of any **【demonstration】** project participant who is not appropriately  
22 matched to the partnering provider's **【demonstration】** project  
23 activities upon obtaining approval from the applicable county  
24 welfare agency.  
25 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.5)

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27 6. Section 6 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-100) is amended to read  
28 as follows:

29 6. a. Each partnering provider shall be required to perform the  
30 following programmatic functions and to maintain sufficient  
31 capacity to perform these functions effectively:

32 (1) assist **【demonstration】** project participants with obtaining  
33 and retaining employment;

34 (2) provide **【demonstration】** project participants with  
35 appropriate NJ SNAP ETP services and participant reimbursements  
36 that fulfill the purposes of NJ SNAP ETP and that qualify for  
37 federal SNAP ETP reimbursements. These services and participant  
38 reimbursements may include, but are not limited to: job search and  
39 placement services; job readiness assistance; education or training  
40 that improves basic skills and general employability; specific job  
41 skills training or vocational education; work experience that  
42 improves the employability of **【demonstration】** project participants;  
43 subsidized employment; workfare; self-employment training;  
44 services related to the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998,  
45 Pub.L.105-220 (29 U.S.C. s.2801 et seq.); job retention services; or  
46 reimbursements for **【demonstration】** project participant expenses,  
47 including dependent care costs, transportation expenses, books or

- 1 training manuals, fees, uniforms, equipment and tools required for  
2 employment, or personal safety items required for program  
3 participation;
- 4 (3) assess and place **【demonstration】** project participants into  
5 appropriate NJ SNAP ETP services, as defined in paragraph (2) of  
6 this subsection;
- 7 (4) provide **【demonstration】** project participants with support  
8 services, including case management, early intervention, career  
9 counseling, and referrals to additional programs and services;
- 10 (5) verify whether potential **【demonstration】** project  
11 participants are receiving SNAP benefits and make referrals, as  
12 appropriate, to assist potential **【demonstration】** project participants  
13 with applying for SNAP benefits;
- 14 (6) collaborate with county welfare agencies to develop  
15 processes and materials that: inform eligible participants regarding  
16 **【demonstration】** project activities within each county, in  
17 accordance with each partnering provider's service area; facilitate  
18 eligible participants' communications with partnering providers  
19 regarding participation in **【demonstration】** project activities; and  
20 assist eligible participants with rendering decisions regarding their  
21 participation in **【demonstration】** project activities;
- 22 (7) assist **【demonstration】** project participants with continuing  
23 to meet administrative requirements, work requirements,  
24 employment and training requirements, and other requirements for  
25 maintaining SNAP eligibility;
- 26 (8) coordinate with the department and county welfare agencies  
27 on a monthly basis to verify that **【demonstration】** project  
28 participants are receiving SNAP benefits and are not receiving  
29 Work First New Jersey TANF benefits;
- 30 (9) coordinate with the county welfare agencies and the  
31 department to distinguish mandatory SNAP ETP participants from  
32 voluntary SNAP ETP participants;
- 33 (10) provide uninterrupted NJ SNAP ETP services and  
34 participant reimbursements to mandatory SNAP ETP participants  
35 electing to participate in the **【demonstration】** project who become  
36 voluntary SNAP ETP participants and to voluntary SNAP ETP  
37 participants electing to participate in the **【demonstration】** project  
38 who become mandatory SNAP ETP participants, subject to the  
39 provisions for terminating **【demonstration】** project participation  
40 pursuant to section 5 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-99);
- 41 (11) maintain program records and report to the department the  
42 following monthly information for each claimed NJ SNAP ETP  
43 participant: program, participant name, participant Social Security  
44 number, services and reimbursements received, and weekly hours;
- 45 (12) prepare and submit to the department invoice and  
46 certification letters each quarter for the total non-federal resources

1 and program expenditures qualifying for federal SNAP ETP  
2 reimbursements for the quarter;

3 (13) monitor **【demonstration】** project participants and  
4 subcontractors and provide detailed reports of participants,  
5 activities, and outcomes to the department on a regular basis;

6 (14) devote sufficient staff time and expertise to fulfill NJ  
7 SNAP ETP administrative and reporting requirements;

8 (15) collaborate with the department to ensure that federal  
9 SNAP ETP reimbursements received under the **【demonstration】**  
10 program are expended in accordance with all applicable federal  
11 laws and regulations; and

12 (16) report to the department and county welfare agencies on a  
13 monthly basis the identities of any mandatory SNAP ETP  
14 participants who are not cooperating with, or participating in,  
15 assigned services or work, as applicable to mandatory SNAP ETP  
16 participants who elect to participate in the **【demonstration】** project.

17 b. Each partnering provider shall be required to perform the  
18 following financial functions and to maintain sufficient capacity to  
19 perform the functions effectively:

20 (1) maintain cash flow necessary to manage the delay from  
21 program outlays to SNAP ETP reimbursements;

22 (2) manage federal grants, track expenditures, and ensure that  
23 non-federal resources and program expenditures qualify for federal  
24 SNAP ETP reimbursements;

25 (3) perform cost allocation using multiple funds;

26 (4) track staff time devoted to NJ SNAP ETP activities under  
27 this **【demonstration】** project; and

28 (5) maintain records for State audits.

29 c. Partnering providers may establish agreements with  
30 subcontracting organizations to support their NJ SNAP ETP  
31 activities under this **【demonstration】** project.

32 d. The department shall consider educational activities serving  
33 eligible participants at community colleges as qualifying for federal  
34 SNAP ETP reimbursements to the greatest extent allowable under  
35 federal laws and regulations. In accordance with section 273.5 of  
36 title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, individuals enrolled at least  
37 half-time in an institution of higher education who are assigned to,  
38 or placed in, an NJ SNAP ETP educational activity, including  
39 individuals who voluntarily participate in NJ SNAP ETP activities  
40 or who otherwise make self-initiated placements, and who meet all  
41 SNAP eligibility requirements shall be determined eligible for  
42 SNAP benefits and shall be eligible for participation in the  
43 **【demonstration】** project.

44 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.6)

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46 7. Section 7 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-101) is amended to read  
47 as follows:

- 1       7. a. The county welfare agencies, under the oversight of the  
2 department, shall assist partnering providers by:
- 3       (1) collaborating with partnering providers, the department, and  
4 the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to conduct  
5 outreach to potential **【demonstration】** project participants and to  
6 refer potential **【demonstration】** project participants to the  
7 partnering providers;
- 8       (2) collaborating with partnering providers to develop processes  
9 and materials that inform eligible participants regarding: the  
10 availability of **【demonstration】** project activities within each  
11 county, in accordance with each partnering provider's service area;  
12 the option for eligible participants to participate in **【demonstration】**  
13 project activities; the applicability and appropriateness of specific  
14 **【demonstration】** activities to the eligible participant's case; and the  
15 means by which eligible participants may contact partnering  
16 providers regarding **【demonstration】** project participation;
- 17       (3) determining potential **【demonstration】** project participants'  
18 SNAP eligibility and providing the results of eligibility  
19 determinations to partnering providers;
- 20       (4) developing and implementing a process to verify that  
21 potential **【demonstration】** project participants are receiving SNAP  
22 benefits and not receiving Work First New Jersey TANF benefits  
23 and ensuring that this verification process adheres to all applicable  
24 federal laws and regulations restricting the unauthorized disclosure  
25 of information concerning applicants for, and recipients of, SNAP  
26 or TANF benefits;
- 27       (5) determining each potential **【demonstration】** project  
28 participant's status as a voluntary SNAP ETP participant or a  
29 mandatory SNAP ETP participant, in coordination with partnering  
30 providers;
- 31       (6) confirming each **【demonstration】** project participant's SNAP  
32 eligibility on a monthly basis; and
- 33       (7) collaborating with partnering providers to develop criteria  
34 and procedures for terminating the participation of eligible  
35 participants in a partnering provider's **【demonstration】** project  
36 activities including, but not limited to: eligible participants who are  
37 not appropriately matched to a partnering provider's  
38 **【demonstration】** project activities; and any mandatory SNAP ETP  
39 participants who are not cooperating with, or participating in,  
40 assigned services or work, as applicable to mandatory SNAP ETP  
41 participants who elect to participate in the **【demonstration】** project.
- 42       b. The department shall, in consultation with the county welfare  
43 agencies and the Department of Labor and Workforce  
44 Development:
- 45       (1) assist partnering providers with understanding the  
46 administrative requirements, work requirements, employment and



- 1 training requirements, and other requirements for **【demonstration】**  
2 project participants to maintain SNAP eligibility;
- 3 (2) assist partnering providers with understanding the  
4 requirements for non-federal resources and program expenditures to  
5 generate federal SNAP ETP reimbursements;
- 6 (3) submit requests for federal SNAP ETP reimbursements and  
7 fulfill all reporting and other SNAP ETP administrative  
8 responsibilities required by the Food and Nutrition Service in the  
9 United States Department of Agriculture;
- 10 (4) distribute federal SNAP ETP reimbursements received by  
11 the State under this **【demonstration】** project to the partnering  
12 providers whose non-federal resources and program expenditures  
13 generated the federal reimbursements, in accordance with the  
14 provisions of section 8 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-102);
- 15 (5) collect data concerning partnering providers and  
16 **【demonstration】** project participants, activities, and outcomes; and
- 17 (6) audit partnering providers on a routine basis to ensure fiscal  
18 and program integrity.  
19 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.7)

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21 8. Section 8 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-102) is amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 8. a. The department shall submit a revised State Employment  
24 and Training Plan to the Food and Nutrition Service in the United  
25 States Department of Agriculture, in accordance with section 273.7  
26 (c) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, in order to expand NJ  
27 SNAP ETP to include **【demonstration】** project partnerships with  
28 qualifying agencies. The revised State Employment and Training  
29 Plan shall define the services to be provided under NJ SNAP ETP,  
30 including, but not limited to, the **【demonstration】** project services  
31 provided pursuant to **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.).  
32 The department shall submit the revised State Employment and  
33 Training Plan to the Food and Nutrition Service as soon as  
34 practicable but no later than the first day of the seventh month next  
35 following the effective date of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-  
36 95 et seq.).

37 b. The commissioner shall take such additional steps as may be  
38 necessary to secure approval from the Food and Nutrition Service in  
39 the United States Department of Agriculture for this  
40 **【demonstration】** project and to ensure that the State and partnering  
41 providers are in compliance with all applicable provisions of federal  
42 and State laws and regulations.

43 c. The department may reserve up to five percent of the federal  
44 SNAP ETP reimbursements generated as a direct result of the  
45 activities of the partnering providers and received by the State  
46 pursuant to **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.) for  
47 operating expenses and staff directly related to the administration,

1 oversight, and evaluation of this **【demonstration】** project. The  
2 remaining federal SNAP ETP reimbursements generated as a direct  
3 result of the activities of the partnering providers and received by  
4 the State pursuant to **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.)  
5 shall be distributed to the partnering providers whose expenditures  
6 generated the federal SNAP ETP reimbursements on a pro-rata  
7 basis and in accordance with the performance-based system for  
8 distributing federal SNAP ETP reimbursements established  
9 pursuant to section 4 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-98).  
10 Within the request for proposals issued pursuant to **【this act】**  
11 P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.), the department shall describe  
12 the performance-based system for distributing federal SNAP ETP  
13 reimbursements and indicate the net percentage of federal SNAP  
14 ETP reimbursements that shall be distributed to partnering  
15 providers.

16 d. The department shall apply for any additional federal funds  
17 which may be available to implement the provisions of **【this act】**  
18 P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-95 et seq.), including, but not limited to,  
19 any unobligated, unexpended federal SNAP ETP funds originally  
20 allocated to other state agencies and available for reallocation  
21 pursuant to section 273.7 (d) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations.

22 e. The commissioner may solicit, receive, and accept grants,  
23 funds, or anything of value from any public or private entity and  
24 receive and accept contributions of money, property, labor, or any  
25 other thing of value from any legitimate source to support the  
26 **【demonstration】** project, provided that the commissioner does not  
27 have reason to believe that the entity may have a vested interest in  
28 the decisions of the commissioner or the department concerning the  
29 selection of specific partnering providers.

30 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.8)

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32 9. Section 9 of P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-103) is amended to read  
33 as follows:

34 9. The commissioner shall issue a report no later than six  
35 months following the effective date of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45  
36 (C.44:10-95 et seq.), and annually thereafter no later than  
37 September 30 of each year, to the Governor and, pursuant to section  
38 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature summarizing  
39 the participants, activities, and outcomes of the **【demonstration】**  
40 project. The initial report under this section shall include, but not  
41 be limited to, a summary of the request for proposals issued  
42 pursuant to section 4 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-98).  
43 Subsequent reports under this section shall include, but not be  
44 limited to, the identities of the partnering providers selected  
45 pursuant to section 4 of **【this act】** P.L.2013, c.45 (C.44:10-98) and  
46 a summary of **【demonstration】** project participant demographics,  
47 activities, and outcomes for each partnering provider. The reports

1 issued pursuant to this section shall not disclose the identities of  
2 any SNAP applicants or recipients and shall adhere to all applicable  
3 federal laws and regulations restricting the unauthorized disclosure  
4 of information concerning applicants for, and recipients of, SNAP  
5 benefits.

6 (cf: P.L.2013, c.45, s.9)

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8 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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13 This bill makes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
14 Employment and Training Provider Demonstration Project  
15 permanent, and renames the program to recognize that it would no  
16 longer be a demonstration program.

17 The SNAP ETP Provider Demonstration Project was enacted into  
18 law in 2013, and began operation in 2014. The project is intended  
19 to allow SNAP participants to obtain job training and develop the  
20 necessary skills to find and keep regular employment. As of early  
21 2018, the program provides grants to two entities: Blessed  
22 Ministries, Inc. and YouthBuild Newark, Inc. The authorizing  
23 statute specifies that the demonstration project is to run for four  
24 years, and so these contracts are set to expire in August 2018. This  
25 bill would allow the agencies currently participating in the program,  
26 as well as new agencies, to apply to provide job and skills training  
27 services to SNAP participants in the future.

# ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 3647**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 17, 2019

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3647, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill makes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training Provider (ETP) Demonstration Project permanent, renames the program, and transfers it and other NJ SNAP employment and training programs to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD).

The SNAP ETP Demonstration Project was enacted into law in 2013, and providers were contracted to provide employment and training services as of January 2016. The authorizing statute specifies that the demonstration project is to run for four years. The project is intended to allow SNAP participants to obtain job training and develop the necessary skills to find and keep regular employment. In fiscal year 2018, the program provided grants to two entities: Blessed Ministries, Inc. and YouthBuild Newark, Inc. This bill would allow these agencies, and other agencies, to apply for grant funds to provide job and skills training services to SNAP participants into the future.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 3647 is identical to Senate Bill No. 1948(1R), which the committee also reported on this date.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments rename the project as the “New Jersey SNAP Employment and Training Provider 50/50 Match Project;” require the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the DOLWD to enter into a memorandum of understanding by which the DOLWD would administer and operate the project and NJ SNAP ETP activities; and require such memorandum of understanding to detail the process by which funds for the support of the project and other NJ SNAP ETP activities are to be transferred from DHS to the DOLWD.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that this bill will increase State revenue due to the receipt of federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Program (SNAP ETP) reimbursements for qualifying program expenses

incurred by partnering providers, as well as eligible administrative expenses incurred by the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD), and County Welfare Agencies (CWAs), under the New Jersey SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) Provider 50/50 Match Project. This project reflects the permanent implementation, with modifications to State agency administrative roles, of the existing NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project.

The federal revenue generated will be dependent upon the availability of funds, the scope of ETP services offered by providers under the bill, and the administrative costs of implementing and supporting the project. The estimate assumes that in continuing the program beyond its pilot phase, State expenditures will be confined to the amount of federal revenue received.

The OLS does not have access to data indicating the costs of the existing NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project, and therefore cannot quantify the potential impact of this bill.

ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3647**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 14, 2018

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3647.

This bill makes the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Provider Demonstration Project permanent, and renames the program to recognize that it would no longer be a demonstration program.

The SNAP ETP Provider Demonstration Project was enacted into law in 2013, and began operation in 2014. The project is intended to allow SNAP participants to obtain job training and develop the necessary skills to find and keep regular employment. As of early 2018, the program provides grants to two entities: Blessed Ministries, Inc. and YouthBuild Newark, Inc. The authorizing statute specifies that the demonstration project is to run for four years, and so these contracts are set to expire in August 2018. This bill would allow the agencies currently participating in the program, as well as new agencies, to apply to provide job and skills training services to SNAP participants in the future.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3647**

## **STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JUNE 28, 2019

### **SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Makes Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Provider Demonstration Project permanent and renames program.
- Type of Impact:** Annual increase in State expenditures and revenue. Annual increase in County expenditures and revenue.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Human Services; Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Counties.

#### **Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

| <b>Fiscal Impact</b>          | <b><u>Annual</u></b> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>State Cost Increase</b>    | Indeterminate        |
| <b>State Revenue Increase</b> | Indeterminate        |
| <b>Local Cost Increase</b>    | Indeterminate        |
| <b>Local Revenue Increase</b> | Indeterminate        |

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that this bill will increase State revenue due to the receipt of federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Program (SNAP ETP) reimbursements for qualifying program expenses incurred by partnering providers, as well as eligible administrative expenses incurred by the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD), and County Welfare Agencies (CWAs), under the New Jersey SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) Provider 50/50 Match Project. This project reflects the permanent implementation, with modifications to State agency administrative roles, of the existing NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project.
- The federal revenue generated will be dependent upon the availability of funds, the scope of ETP services offered by providers under the bill, and the administrative costs of implementing and supporting the project. The estimate assumes that in continuing the

program beyond its pilot phase, State expenditures will be confined to the amount of federal revenue received.

- The OLS does not have access to data indicating the costs of the existing NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project, and therefore cannot quantify the potential impact of this bill.

## **BILL DESCRIPTION**

This bill makes the NJ SNAP E&T Provider Demonstration Project, established in accordance with P.L.2013, c.45 permanent, and renames the program the NJ SNAP E&T Provider 50/50 Match Project. The bill requires the DHS to establish the project and enter into a memorandum of understanding with the DOLWD, which would administer and operate the project and NJ SNAP ETP activities. The memorandum is to detail the process by which funds that support of the project and other NJ SNAP ETP activities will be transferred from DHS to the DOLWD. As under current law, the DHS is required to form partnerships with qualifying agencies to provide services to eligible participants and to receive federal funds for those services. The DOLWD is required, subject to the availability of federal funds, to annually issue a new request for proposals and maintain the participation of no fewer than three partnering providers from among qualifying agencies submitting proposals.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

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

The OLS concludes that this bill will increase State revenue due to the receipt of federal SNAP ETP reimbursements for qualifying SNAP ETP program expenses incurred by partnering providers, as well as for qualifying administrative expenses incurred by the DHS, the DOLWD, and CWAs for the New Jersey SNAP E&T Provider 50/50 Match Project established under the bill. This project reflects the permanent implementation, with modifications to State agency administrative roles, of the existing NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project.

The federal revenue generated will be dependent upon the availability of funds, the scope of ETP services offered by providers under the bill, and the administrative costs of implementing and supporting the project. The estimate assumes that in continuing the program beyond its pilot phase, State expenditures will be confined to the amount of federal revenue received. The OLS does not have access to data indicating the costs of the existing NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project, and therefore cannot quantify the potential impact of this bill.

Under the bill, the participating providers in the SNAP E&T Provider 50/50 Match Project are to identify and utilize non-federal resources which are eligible to receive federal SNAP ETP reimbursements for providing services to eligible participants. Such reimbursements are known as 50 percent reimbursement grants (“50-50 funds”) and are authorized under the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, a five-year reauthorization of the federal farm bill. Through 50-50 funds, the federal government reimburses states, which are authorized to partner with third-party



organizations, for up to 50 percent of SNAP ETP program costs that exceed their federal ETP formula grant. Reimbursable services include: 1) administrative costs; and 2) expenses directly related to participation in the program such adult education and training costs, as well as supportive service expenses necessary for individuals to participate in SNAP ETP, which include child care, transportation, supplies, and books. Unlike the formula grant, 50-50 funds are uncapped.

The OLS notes that, in addition to federal SNAP ETP reimbursements for administrative costs, the bill allows five percent of federal SNAP ETP reimbursements generated as a direct result of the activities of the partnering providers to be reserved for operating expenses and staff directly related to the administration, oversight, and evaluation of the project. The OLS cannot predict how these funds may be dispersed among the DHS, DOLWD, and CWAs.

Under the demonstration project, the DHS, Division of Family Development entered into contracts with Blessed Ministries, Inc. and with YouthBuild Newark, Inc. on January 1, 2016. While the law requires three partnering providers, the DHS notes in a report regarding the demonstration project that the department only received two complete bids in response to a request for proposals published on June 16, 2014. Between the two providers, 321 eligible SNAP recipients participated in SNAP ETP services.<sup>1</sup> According to the FY 2015 Budget in Brief (see page 47), the State anticipated a \$500,000 grant from the Nicholson Foundation, matched by \$500,000 in federal 50-50 funds, to support the implementation of the NJ SNAP E&T Demonstration Project.<sup>2</sup>

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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.).

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/news/reports/2016%20NJ%20SNAP%20-%20Employment%20and%20Training%20Provider%20Demonstration%20Project%20Report.pdf>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.nj.gov/treasury/omb/publications/15bib/BIB.pdf>

# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

08/23/2019

## Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

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

**A3118 (Burzichelli, Schepisi, Jasey/Bucco, Thompson)** - Establishes licensure for master hearth specialists.

**A4420 (Holley/Scutari)** - Modifies certain fees charged by check casher licensees.

**A4482 (Verrelli, Murphy, Downey/Greenstein)** - Establishes "Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Violence Against Persons with Developmental Disabilities" in DHS.

**A5293 (Pinkin, Zwicker, Lopez, McKeon/Smith, Bateman, Greenstein)** - Makes various changes to laws governing remediation of contaminated sites.

**A5390 (Tucker, Mukherji, Timberlake/Gopal, Oroho)** - Provides in-State tuition at public institutions of higher education to individuals living in NJ who are entitled to educational assistance under US Department of Veterans Affairs' Vocational Rehabilitations and Employment Program.

**S499 (Vitale, Madden/Downey, Houghtaling, Zwicker)** - Provides for improved system for eligibility determination for Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare.

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**S785 (Sarlo, Lagana/Calabrese, Mukherji)** - Requires Police Training Commission to develop supplemental training course for certain county corrections officers.

**S1014 (Rice/Wimberly, Mukherji)** - Changes composition of State Employment and Training Commission.

**S1126 (Bucco, Doherty, Bucco/Coughlin, Webber)** - Requires public school districts to provide instruction on "New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act" as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

**S1403 (Diegnan, Singleton/DeAngelo, Mazzeo, Sumter)** - Permits service credit transferred from another State-administered retirement system to apply toward creditable service requirement for retirement in SPRS.

**S1887 (Singleton, Greenstein/DeAngelo, Wirths, Space)** - Directs Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development to establish pilot program to assist certain unemployed and underemployed individuals to complete industry-valued Credentials in 12 months.

**S1948 (Vitale/Quijano, Holley, Lopez)** - Makes Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Provider Demonstration Project permanent and renames program.

**S2507 (Singleton, Pou/Danielsen, DeCroce)** - Prohibits sale or lease of access to certain dental provider network contracts.

**S2538 (Singleton, Pennacchio/Kean, Murphy, DeCroce, Armato)** - Makes New Jersey National Guard members with NGB-22 form eligible for certain veterans' benefits.

**S2660 (Gopal, Sarlo/Downey, Houghtaling, Schaer)** - Establishes grant program and tuition reimbursement program for certain teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; appropriates \$5 million to DOE.

[Copy of Statement on S2660](#)

**S2690 (Ruiz, Cryan, Beach, Turner, Andrzejczak/McKeon, Dancer, Land)** - Prohibits pharmacy benefits managers and carriers from engaging in "clawback" and "gag clause" practices; requires certain disclosures by pharmacists; requires Director of Division of Consumer Affairs to conduct public information campaign.

**S2691 (Kean, Cunningham/Quijano, Vainieri Huttle, Reynolds-Jackson)** - Makes supplemental appropriation of \$100,000 to Commission on Human Trafficking.

[Copy of Statement on S2691](#)

**S3100 (Weinberg, Addiego/Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji)** - Revises definition of hemophilia and expands hemophilia treatment program.

**SJR73 (Singleton/Murphy, Verrelli, Dancer)** - Urges U.S. Congress to pass "Military Hunger Prevention Act."

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

**A3717 (Mukherji, Downey, Houghtaling/Greenstein, Gopal)** - Prohibits pharmacy benefits managers from making certain retroactive reductions in claims payments to pharmacies; requires pharmacy benefits managers to disclose certain product information to pharmacies.

[Copy of Statement on A3717](#)

**A5363 (Burzichelli, Benson, Murphy/Gopal)** - Requires carriers that offer health benefits plans to provide new or existing subscribers with notification of certain hospital and health system contract expirations.

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**S834 (Scutari, Greenstein/Jones, Pintor Marin)** - Prohibits resale of non-prescription diabetes test devices by pharmacists.

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**S2804 (Ruiz, Turner/Lopez, McKnight, Verrelli)** - Requires young children entering public schools or Head Start Programs for first time to have comprehensive eye examination completed.

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**S3075 (Weinberg, Ruiz/Lampitt, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle)** - Requires DOH to regulate and license embryo storage facilities.

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**S3309 (Vitale, Greenstein/Greenwald, Pintor Marin, Reynolds-Jackson)** - Establishes New Jersey Violence Intervention Program to fund violence reduction initiatives.

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**S3330 (Addiego, Singleton/Jones, Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Murphy)** - Establishes pilot program in DCF to study impact of child care services provided by community providers operating in public school facilities; requires community providers to meet certain criteria.

[Copy of Statement on S3330](#)

**S3661 (Singleton, Oroho/Jasey, Wirths, Webber)** - Clarifies assessment payment and election participation requirements in planned real estate developments.

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Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bills and resolutions:

**A4135 (Land, Taliaferro/Sweeney, Andrzejczak)** - Concerns use of digital parking meters to monitor parking compliance; establishes fund to encourage designated drivers.

[Copy of Statement on A4135](#)

**AJR158 (Houghtaling, Downey, Mosquera/Gopal)** - Establishes New Jersey Task Force on Medicaid Financial

Resource Limits.

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**S1364 (Andrzejczak/Land, Milam)** - Provides funding from the General Fund to the Greater Wildwoods Tourism Improvement and Development Authority; appropriates \$4 million.

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