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COMMITTEE STATEMENT:

ASSEMBLY: No

SENATE: Yes Community &
Urban Affairs
Budget & Appropri.

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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 485, *approved January 21, 2020*

Assembly, No. 4529 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning contractor fraud following Superstorm Sandy,
2 and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 of New Jersey:

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8 response funding to an applicant if ¹**[the applicant demonstrates to**
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11 contractor,**]** a government agency notifies the department, in
12 writing, that there is reasonable cause to believe that a RREM or
13 LMI program contractor has engaged in conduct in violation of the
14 New Jersey consumer fraud act, P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.),
15 or regulations promulgated thereto,¹ in connection with a RREM or
16 LMI program contract to complete work on the applicant's house.
17 The department shall distribute fraud-response funding regardless
18 of whether an applicant presents a charging document, so long as
19 the ¹**[applicant is able to present alternative documentation**
20 sufficient to demonstrate that the fraud or theft by deception
21 occurred**]** government agency has provided written notification
22 pursuant to this subsection¹.

23 b. The commissioner shall consult the Division of Consumer
24 Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety to develop ¹an¹
25 appropriate ¹**[standards for determining whether fraud or theft by**
26 deception has occurred, and what documents are relevant in that
27 determination**]** process for a government agency to submit written
28 notification pursuant to subsection a. of this section¹.

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30 funding award if any portion of the award would amount to a
31 duplicative benefit or would otherwise violate the "Robert T.
32 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act," (42
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36 applies for fraud-response funding.

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38 Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public

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:

¹Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted May 20, 2019.

1 Safety, indicating] alleging¹ that the applicant’s contractor has been
2 charged with ¹[a crime involving]¹ fraud or theft by deception ¹in
3 connection with a RREM or LMI program contract to complete
4 work on the applicant’s house, which shall include, but not be
5 limited to, an arrest warrant, a criminal complaint, an accusation
6 signed by a prosecuting attorney, or an indictment¹.

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8 Affairs.

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17 agency, or any other government law enforcement authority.¹

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31 Concerns reimbursements to Superstorm Sandy-impacted
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ASSEMBLY, No. 4529

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 15, 2018

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman VINCENT MAZZEO

District 2 (Atlantic)

Assemblyman JOHN ARMATO

District 2 (Atlantic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Gove and Assemblyman Rumpf

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ASSEMBLY CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4529

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2018

The Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4529.

As reported by the committee, this bill concerns reimbursement payments to Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners subjected to contractor fraud.

The Department of Community Affairs has established the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation, and Mitigation Program (RREM) and the Low-to-Moderate Income Homeowners Rebuilding Program (LMI) to distribute federal funding allocated towards recovery from Superstorm Sandy. In addition, DCA has made funding available, through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, to reimburse persons who received funding through RREM or LMI and were thereafter subject to contractor fraud.

Under the provisions of this bill, in order to qualify for funding, an applicant is required to demonstrate to DCA that the applicant has been the subject of fraud or theft in connection with an RREM or LMI program contract to complete work on the applicant's house. The bill provides that DCA is to distribute the funding regardless of whether an applicant presents a charging document, as long as the applicant presents alternative documentation sufficient to demonstrate that the fraud or theft by deception occurred.

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4529

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 20, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4529, with committee amendments.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4529 concerns reimbursement payments to Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners subjected to contractor fraud.

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has established the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation, and Mitigation Program (RREM) and the Low-to-Moderate Income Homeowners Rebuilding Program (LMI) to distribute federal funding allocated towards recovery from Superstorm Sandy. In addition, DCA has made funding available, through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, to reimburse persons who received funding through RREM or LMI and were thereafter subject to contractor fraud.

The DCA currently provides fraud-response funding to certain beneficiaries of the RREM and the LMI who paid program funds to fraudulent contractors for home reconstruction work.

Beneficiaries currently are required to provide charging documents to the DCA in order to qualify for fraud-response funding. The bill expands eligibility for this funding to include RREM or LMI beneficiaries who do not possess charging documents, but for whom a government agency notifies the DCA concerning the experience of contractor fraud.

Under the provisions of this amended bill, in order for an applicant to qualify for funding, a government agency is required to notify DCA, in writing, that there is reasonable cause to believe that a RREM or LMI program contractor has engaged in conduct in violation of the consumer fraud act or its accompanying regulations in connection with a RREM or LMI program contract to complete work on the applicant's house.

The amended bill provides that DCA is to distribute the funding regardless of whether an applicant presents a charging document as long as the government agency has provided the notification required by the amended bill. The amended bill also requires DCA to consult the Division of Consumer Affairs to develop an appropriate process for a government agency to submit written notification under the amended bill.

Under the amended bill, “government agency” is defined as the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, the Office of the Attorney General, a county prosecutor’s office, a State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency, a federal law enforcement agency, or any other government law enforcement authority.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

1) provide that in order for an applicant to qualify for funding, a government agency is required to notify DCA, in writing, that there is reasonable cause to believe that a RREM or LMI program contractor has engaged in conduct in violation of the consumer fraud act or its accompanying regulations in connection with a RREM or LMI program contract to complete work on the applicant’s house; as introduced, the bill required the applicant to demonstrate to DCA that the applicant has been the subject of fraud or theft by deception, committed by a RREM or LMI program contractor in order to qualify for funding;

2) provide that DCA is to distribute the funding regardless of whether an applicant presents a charging document, as long as the government agency has provided written notification, as required by the bill; as introduced, the bill required the distribution of funding regardless of whether an applicant presents a charging document as long as the applicant is able to present alternative documentation sufficient to demonstrate fraud or theft by deception;

3) require DCA to consult with the Division of Consumer Affairs to develop an appropriate process for a government agency to submit written notification pursuant to the provisions of the bill; as introduced, the bill required DCA to consult with the Division of Consumer Affairs to develop appropriate standards for determining whether fraud or theft by deception has occurred and what documents are relevant to that determination;

4) revise the definition of “charging document;” and

5) define “government agency.”

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (“OLS”) estimates that the bill would result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures associated with the provision of additional funding to certain RREM and LMI beneficiaries who currently do not qualify for fraud-response funding. The anticipated increase in expenditures would be payable from the allocation of federal CDBG-DR funds to the DCA in response to Superstorm Sandy.

The bill is expected to increase DCA expenditures associated with the provision of fraud-response funding to those RREM and LMI beneficiaries who would not otherwise qualify for such assistance,

absent the bill. As noted, these additional expenditures would be payable from the allocation of federal CDBG-DR funds to the DCA.

However, the OLS is unable to estimate the number of RREM and LMI beneficiaries who experienced instances of contractor fraud in which a government agency had (1) insufficient evidence to file charges against the program contractor for fraud or theft by deception, and thereby did not issue charging documents; and (2) reasonable cause to believe that the program contractor violated the New Jersey consumer fraud law. Additionally, certain beneficiaries for whom this situation applies may nevertheless be ineligible for fraud-response funding if the applicable home construction is completed or the additional funding would constitute a duplication of benefits.

As a result, the OLS cannot predict (1) the number of RREM and LMI beneficiaries for whom a government agency would contact the DCA concerning an experience of contractor fraud; and (2) the amount of fraud-response funding that will be awarded to each newly eligible beneficiary. Consequently, the OLS is unable to quantify the increase in State expenditures that is anticipated to occur as a result of the bill.

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4529

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2019

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4529 (1R).

The bill requires the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to provide fraud-response funding to certain Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners who experienced contractor fraud.

The DCA administers the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation, and Mitigation Program (RREM) and the Low-to-Moderate Income Homeowners Rebuilding Program (LMI), both of which provide federal Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to help homeowners impacted by Superstorm Sandy complete home rehabilitation and reconstruction projects. The DCA also provides additional CDBG-DR funding to certain RREM and LMI beneficiaries who experienced contractor fraud. Currently, a RREM or LMI beneficiary may only qualify for fraud-response funding after providing a charging document to the Sandy Recovery Division in the DCA.

The bill requires the DCA to provide a RREM or LMI beneficiary with fraud-response funding if a government agency provided written notice to the DCA indicating that there is reasonable cause to believe that a RREM or LMI program contractor violated the New Jersey consumer fraud act, P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.), or any regulation promulgated thereto, in connection with work conducted pursuant to either program. The DCA would be required to develop a process, in consultation with the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, through which a government agency may submit the written notification. The bill also provides that a RREM or LMI beneficiary would not be entitled to fraud-response funding if any portion of the funding award would constitute a duplicative benefit, or otherwise violate federal law.

The bill defines a “government agency” as the Division of Consumer Affairs; the Office of the Attorney General; a county prosecutor’s office; a State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency; a federal law enforcement agency; or other government law enforcement authority.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 3191 (1R), which was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4529

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2020

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4529 (1R).

The bill requires the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to provide fraud-response funding to certain Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners who experienced contractor fraud.

The DCA administers the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation, and Mitigation Program (RREM) and the Low-to-Moderate Income Homeowners Rebuilding Program (LMI), both of which provide federal Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to help homeowners impacted by Superstorm Sandy complete home rehabilitation and reconstruction projects. The DCA also provides additional CDBG-DR funding to certain RREM and LMI beneficiaries who experienced contractor fraud. Currently, a RREM or LMI beneficiary may only qualify for fraud-response funding after providing a charging document to the Sandy Recovery Division in the DCA.

The bill requires the DCA to provide a RREM or LMI beneficiary with fraud-response funding if a government agency provided written notice to the DCA indicating that there is reasonable cause to believe that a RREM or LMI program contractor violated the New Jersey consumer fraud act, P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.), or any regulation promulgated thereto, in connection with work conducted pursuant to either program. The DCA would be required to develop a process, in consultation with the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, through which a government agency may submit the written notification. The bill also provides that a RREM or LMI beneficiary would not be entitled to fraud-response funding if any portion of the funding award would constitute a duplicative benefit, or otherwise violate federal law.

The bill defines a “government agency” as the Division of Consumer Affairs; the Office of the Attorney General; a county prosecutor’s office; a State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency; a federal law enforcement agency; or other government law enforcement authority.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4529 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3191 (1R), which also was reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the bill would result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures for additional funding to certain homeowners impacted by Superstorm Sandy.

The DCA currently provides fraud-response funding to certain beneficiaries of the RREM and the LMI who paid program funds to fraudulent contractors for home reconstruction work.

Beneficiaries are currently required to provide charging documents to the DCA in order to qualify for fraud-response funding. The bill expands eligibility for this funding to include RREM or LMI beneficiaries who do not possess charging documents, but for whom a government agency notifies the DCA concerning the experience of contractor fraud.

Consequently, the bill is expected to increase DCA expenditures due to the provision of fraud-response funding to newly eligible RREM and LMI beneficiaries. The increase in expenditures would be payable from the allocation of federal Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) funds provided to the DCA in response to Superstorm Sandy.

The OLS cannot quantify the fiscal impact of the bill because the OLS is unable to predict (1) the number of beneficiaries for whom a government agency would contact the DCA concerning an experience of contractor fraud and (2) the amount of fraud-response funding that will be awarded to each newly eligible beneficiary.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4529

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MAY 24, 2019

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Concerns reimbursements to Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners subjected to contractor fraud.
- Type of Impact:** Indeterminate increase in State expenditures.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Community Affairs.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost Increase		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (“OLS”) estimates that the bill would result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures for additional funding to certain homeowners impacted by Superstorm Sandy.
- The Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) currently provides fraud-response funding to certain beneficiaries of the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation, and Mitigation Program (“RREM”) and the Low-to-Moderate Income Homeowners Rebuilding Program (“LMI”) who paid program funds to fraudulent contractors for home reconstruction work.
- Beneficiaries are currently required to provide charging documents to the DCA in order to qualify for fraud-response funding. The bill expands eligibility for this funding to include RREM or LMI beneficiaries who do not possess charging documents, but for whom a government agency notifies the DCA concerning the experience of contractor fraud.
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BILL DESCRIPTION

The bill requires the DCA to provide fraud-response funding to certain Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners who experienced contractor fraud.

The DCA currently administers the RREM and LMI programs, which provide federal CDBG-DR funds to help homeowners impacted by Superstorm Sandy complete home rehabilitation and reconstruction projects. In addition, the DCA provides additional CDBG-DR funding available to certain RREM and LMI beneficiaries who experienced contractor fraud. Currently, a RREM or LMI beneficiary may only qualify for fraud-response funding after providing a charging document to the Sandy Recovery Division in the DCA.

The bill requires the DCA to provide a RREM or LMI beneficiary with fraud-response funding if a government agency provided written notice to the DCA indicating that there is reasonable cause to believe that a RREM or LMI program contractor violated the New Jersey consumer fraud act, P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.). The DCA would be required to develop a process through which a government agency may submit the written notification, and the bill also provides that a RREM or LMI beneficiary would not be entitled to fraud-response funding if any portion of the funding award would constitute a duplicative benefit, or otherwise violate federal law.

The bill defines a “government agency” as the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety; the Office of the Attorney General; a county prosecutor’s office; a State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency; a federal law enforcement agency; or any other government law enforcement authority.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS estimates that the bill would result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures for additional funding to certain RREM and LMI beneficiaries who currently do not qualify for fraud-response funding. The anticipated increase in expenditures would be payable from the allocation of federal CDBG-DR funds to the DCA in response to Superstorm Sandy.

Specifically, the bill expands eligibility for fraud-response funding to include certain RREM or LMI beneficiaries who do not possess charging documents, but for whom a government agency notifies the DCA concerning the experience of contractor fraud. The OLS notes that the provisions of the bill would not impact the calculation of funding provided to any Sandy-impacted homeowner who otherwise qualifies for fraud-response funding.

Current Policy Concerning Contractor Fraud

The Sandy Recovery Division in the DCA currently provides fraud-response funding to certain RREM and LMI beneficiaries who paid program funds to fraudulent contractors in exchange for unperformed home repair work. According to the DCA's "Policy Addressing Contractor Performance Issues," the Sandy Recovery Division requires RREM and LMI beneficiaries to present certain charging documents, through which a governmental agency accuses a contractor of fraud or theft by deception (e.g., an arrest warrant, criminal complaint, indictment, or civil or administrative complaint), in order to qualify for fraud response funding.

Thereafter, the Sandy Recovery Division determines the amount of fraud-response funding to be awarded provided to a qualified beneficiary based on: (1) an inspection of the beneficiary's property that estimates the amount of rehabilitation or reconstruction completed, the amount remaining to be completed, and the cost of repair; (2) the amount of program funds paid to the accused contractor; and (3) the amount of program funds received by the beneficiary that may constitute a duplication of benefits under federal law (i.e., assistance from more than one source that is used for the same mitigation purpose). In addition, beneficiaries who are determined to have completed home construction may not be eligible to receive additional funding as a result of contractor fraud (DCA Policy No.2.10.88).

Expanded Eligibility for Fraud-Response Funding

Most notably, the bill requires the DCA to also provide fraud-response funding if a government agency provides written notice to the DCA, on behalf of a RREM or LMI beneficiary, indicating that there is reasonable cause to believe that a program contractor violated the New Jersey consumer fraud law, P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.). Consequently, the bill expands eligibility for fraud-response funding to include any RREM or LMI beneficiary for whom a government agency notifies the DCA concerning the experience of contractor fraud.

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Section: Local Government

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*Approved: Frank W. Haines III
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

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

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

SENATE, No. 3191

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 26, 2018

Sponsored by:

Senator VIN GOPAL

District 11 (Monmouth)

Senator BOB ANDRZEJCZAK

District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Van Drew, Brown, Connors and O'Scanlon

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24 or the Low-to-Moderate Income Homeowners Rebuilding Program,
25 as established by DCA to distribute federal funding allocated
26 towards recovery from Superstorm Sandy. The bill directs DCA to
27 consult the Division of Consumer Affairs to develop appropriate
28 standards for determining whether fraud or theft by deception has
29 occurred, and what documents are relevant in that determination.

SENATE COMMUNITY AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3191

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 14, 2019

The Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3191, with committee amendments.

As amended, the bill requires the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to provide fraud-response funding to certain Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners who experienced contractor fraud.

The DCA administers the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation, and Mitigation Program (RREM) and the Low-to-Moderate Income Homeowners Rebuilding Program (LMI), both of which provide federal Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to help homeowners impacted by Superstorm Sandy complete home rehabilitation and reconstruction projects. The DCA also provides additional CDBG-DR funding to certain RREM and LMI beneficiaries who experienced contractor fraud. Currently, a RREM or LMI beneficiary may only qualify for fraud-response funding after providing a charging document to the Sandy Recovery Division in the DCA.

The bill requires the DCA to provide a RREM or LMI beneficiary with fraud-response funding if a government agency provided written notice to the DCA indicating that there is reasonable cause to believe that a RREM or LMI program contractor violated the New Jersey consumer fraud act, P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.), or any regulation promulgated thereto, in connection with work conducted pursuant to either program. The DCA would be required to develop a process, in consultation with the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, through which a government agency may submit the written notification. The bill also provides that a RREM or LMI beneficiary would not be entitled to fraud-response funding if any portion of the funding award would constitute a duplicative benefit, or otherwise violate federal law.

The bill defines a “government agency” as the Division of Consumer Affairs; the Office of the Attorney General; a county prosecutor’s office; a State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency; a federal law enforcement agency; or other government law enforcement authority.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4529 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) provide that in order for an applicant to qualify for fraud-response funding, a government agency is required to notify the DCA, in writing, that there is reasonable cause to believe that a RREM or LMI program contractor violated the consumer fraud act, or any regulation promulgated thereto, in connection with work conducted pursuant to the either program. As introduced, the bill required the applicant to demonstrate to the DCA that a RREM or LMI program contractor committed fraud or theft by deception to qualify for funding;

(2) require the DCA to distribute fraud-response funding if a government agency has provided written notice to the DCA indicating that there is reasonable cause to believe that fraud occurred. As introduced, the bill required the DCA to distribute fraud-response funding if the applicant was able to present alternative documentation to that demonstrate fraud or theft by deception occurred;

(3) require the DCA, in consultation with the Division of Consumer Affairs, to develop a process through which a government agency may submit the written notification. As introduced, the bill required DCA to consult with the Division of Consumer Affairs to develop appropriate standards for determining whether fraud or theft by deception has occurred and what documents are relevant to that determination;

(4) revise the definition of “charging document;” and

(5) define “government agency.”

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3191

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 6, 2020

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3191 (1R).

The bill requires the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to provide fraud-response funding to certain Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners who experienced contractor fraud.

The DCA administers the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation, and Mitigation Program (RREM) and the Low-to-Moderate Income Homeowners Rebuilding Program (LMI), both of which provide federal Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to help homeowners impacted by Superstorm Sandy complete home rehabilitation and reconstruction projects. The DCA also provides additional CDBG-DR funding to certain RREM and LMI beneficiaries who experienced contractor fraud. Currently, a RREM or LMI beneficiary may only qualify for fraud-response funding after providing a charging document to the Sandy Recovery Division in the DCA.

The bill requires the DCA to provide a RREM or LMI beneficiary with fraud-response funding if a government agency provided written notice to the DCA indicating that there is reasonable cause to believe that a RREM or LMI program contractor violated the New Jersey consumer fraud act, P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.), or any regulation promulgated thereto, in connection with work conducted pursuant to either program. The DCA would be required to develop a process, in consultation with the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety, through which a government agency may submit the written notification. The bill also provides that a RREM or LMI beneficiary would not be entitled to fraud-response funding if any portion of the funding award would constitute a duplicative benefit, or otherwise violate federal law.

The bill defines a “government agency” as the Division of Consumer Affairs; the Office of the Attorney General; a county prosecutor’s office; a State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency; a federal law enforcement agency; or other government law enforcement authority.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 3191 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4529 (1R), which also was reported by the committee on this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the bill would result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures for additional funding to certain homeowners impacted by Superstorm Sandy.

The DCA currently provides fraud-response funding to certain beneficiaries of the RREM and the LMI who paid program funds to fraudulent contractors for home reconstruction work.

Beneficiaries are currently required to provide charging documents to the DCA in order to qualify for fraud-response funding. The bill expands eligibility for this funding to include RREM or LMI beneficiaries who do not possess charging documents, but for whom a government agency notifies the DCA concerning the experience of contractor fraud.

Consequently, the bill is expected to increase DCA expenditures due to the provision of fraud-response funding to newly eligible RREM and LMI beneficiaries. The increase in expenditures would be payable from the allocation of federal Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (“CDBG-DR”) funds provided to the DCA in response to Superstorm Sandy.

The OLS cannot quantify the fiscal impact of the bill because the OLS is unable to predict (1) the number of beneficiaries for whom a government agency would contact the DCA concerning an experience of contractor fraud and (2) the amount of fraud-response funding that will be awarded to each newly eligible beneficiary.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3191 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 14, 2020

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Concerns reimbursements to Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners subjected to contractor fraud.

Type of Impact: Indeterminate increase in State expenditures.

Agencies Affected: Department of Community Affairs.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost Increase		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that the bill would result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures for additional funding to certain homeowners impacted by Superstorm Sandy.
- The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) currently provides fraud-response funding to certain beneficiaries of the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation, and Mitigation Program (RREM) and the Low-to-Moderate Income Homeowners Rebuilding Program (LMI) who paid program funds to fraudulent contractors for home reconstruction work.
- Beneficiaries are currently required to provide charging documents to the DCA in order to qualify for fraud-response funding. The bill expands eligibility for this funding to include RREM or LMI beneficiaries who do not possess charging documents, but for whom a government agency notifies the DCA concerning the experience of contractor fraud.
- Consequently, the bill is expected to increase DCA expenditures due to the provision of fraud-response funding to newly eligible RREM and LMI beneficiaries. The increase in expenditures would be payable from the allocation of federal Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds provided to the DCA in response to Superstorm Sandy.
- The OLS cannot quantify the fiscal impact of the bill because the OLS is unable to predict (1)

the number of beneficiaries for whom a government agency would contact the DCA concerning an experience of contractor fraud and (2) the amount of fraud-response funding that will be awarded to each newly eligible beneficiary.

BILL DESCRIPTION

The bill requires the DCA to provide fraud-response funding to certain Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners who experienced contractor fraud.

The DCA currently administers the RREM and LMI programs, which provide federal CDBG-DR funds to help homeowners impacted by Superstorm Sandy complete home rehabilitation and reconstruction projects. In addition, the DCA provides additional CDBG-DR funding available to certain RREM and LMI beneficiaries who experienced contractor fraud. Currently, a RREM or LMI beneficiary may only qualify for fraud-response funding after providing a charging document to the Sandy Recovery Division in the DCA.

The bill requires the DCA to provide a RREM or LMI beneficiary with fraud-response funding if a government agency provided written notice to the DCA indicating that there is reasonable cause to believe that a RREM or LMI program contractor violated the New Jersey consumer fraud act, P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.). The DCA would be required to develop a process through which a government agency may submit the written notification, and the bill also provides that a RREM or LMI beneficiary would not be entitled to fraud-response funding if any portion of the funding award would constitute a duplicative benefit, or otherwise violate federal law.

The bill defines a “government agency” as the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety; the Office of the Attorney General; a county prosecutor’s office; a State, county, or municipal law enforcement agency; a federal law enforcement agency; or any other government law enforcement authority.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS estimates that the bill would result in an indeterminate increase in State expenditures for additional funding to certain RREM and LMI beneficiaries who currently do not qualify for fraud-response funding. The anticipated increase in expenditures would be payable from the allocation of federal CDBG-DR funds to the DCA in response to Superstorm Sandy.

Specifically, the bill expands eligibility for fraud-response funding to include certain RREM or LMI beneficiaries who do not possess charging documents, but for whom a government agency notifies the DCA concerning the experience of contractor fraud. The OLS notes that the provisions of the bill would not impact the calculation of funding provided to any Sandy-impacted homeowner who otherwise qualifies for fraud-response funding.

Current Policy Concerning Contractor Fraud

The Sandy Recovery Division in the DCA currently provides fraud-response funding to certain RREM and LMI beneficiaries who paid program funds to fraudulent contractors in exchange for

unperformed home repair work. According to the DCA's "Policy Addressing Contractor Performance Issues," the Sandy Recovery Division requires RREM and LMI beneficiaries to present certain charging documents, through which a governmental agency accuses a contractor of fraud or theft by deception (e.g., an arrest warrant, criminal complaint, indictment, or civil or administrative complaint), in order to qualify for fraud response funding.

Thereafter, the Sandy Recovery Division determines the amount of fraud-response funding to be awarded provided to a qualified beneficiary based on: (1) an inspection of the beneficiary's property that estimates the amount of rehabilitation or reconstruction completed, the amount remaining to be completed, and the cost of repair; (2) the amount of program funds paid to the accused contractor; and (3) the amount of program funds received by the beneficiary that may constitute a duplication of benefits under federal law (i.e., assistance from more than one source that is used for the same mitigation purpose). In addition, beneficiaries who are determined to have completed home construction may not be eligible to receive additional funding as a result of contractor fraud (DCA Policy No.2.10.88).

Expanded Eligibility for Fraud-Response Funding

Most notably, the bill requires the DCA to also provide fraud-response funding if a government agency provides written notice to the DCA, on behalf of a RREM or LMI beneficiary, indicating that there is reasonable cause to believe that a program contractor violated the New Jersey consumer fraud law, P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.). Consequently, the bill expands eligibility for fraud-response funding to include any RREM or LMI beneficiary for whom a government agency notifies the DCA concerning the experience of contractor fraud.

As a result, the bill is expected to increase DCA expenditures associated with the provision of fraud-response funding to those RREM and LMI beneficiaries who would not otherwise qualify for such assistance, absent the bill. As noted, these additional expenditures would be payable from the allocation of federal CDBG-DR funds to the DCA.

However, the OLS is unable to estimate the number of RREM and LMI beneficiaries who experienced instances of contractor fraud in which a government agency had (1) insufficient evidence to file charges against the program contractor for fraud or theft by deception, and thereby issue charging documents; and (2) reasonable cause to believe that the program contractor violated the New Jersey consumer fraud law. Additionally, certain beneficiaries for whom this situation applies may nevertheless be ineligible for fraud-response funding if the applicable home construction is completed or the additional funding would constitute a duplication of benefits.

As a result, the OLS cannot predict (1) the number of RREM and LMI beneficiaries for whom a government agency would contact the DCA concerning an experience of contractor fraud and (2) the amount of fraud-response funding that will be awarded to each newly eligible beneficiary. Consequently, the OLS is unable to quantify the increase in State expenditures anticipated to occur as a result of the bill.

Section: Local Government

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

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

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

01/21/2020

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

S-62/A-2478 (Singleton, Oroho/DeAngelo, Houghtaling, Space) – Requires certain contractors to register under "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act"

S-358/A-4587 (Rice/Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson) – Establishes database with certain information about individuals elected to public office in this State

S-376/A-3839 (Madden, Gopal/Moriarty, Lagana, Mukherji, Murphy) – Eliminates eligibility time limit on tuition benefits for spouses of certain public safety workers killed in performance of their duties

S-497/A-4626 (Vitale, Madden/Mosquera, McKnight, Vainieri Huttle) – Allows certain prior statements by children to be admitted into evidence in child abuse and termination of parental rights cases

S-498/ACS for A-3391 (Vitale, Oroho/DeCroce, Johnson, DiMaso) – Makes various changes to "Criminal Injuries Compensation Act of 1971"

S-521/A-4378 (T. Kean, C.A. Brown, Pou, Ruiz/Caputo, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle) – Requires NJ State Council on Arts to establish "Artist District" designation and select certain municipalities or areas within municipalities for such designation

S-589/ACS for A-422 (Weinberg/Mosquera, Jones, Moriarty) – Requires Secretary of State to establish secure Internet website for online voter registration; authorizes use of digitized signatures from New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's database

S-700/A-3836 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Schaer, Mukherji, Jasey) – "Higher Education Citizenship Equality Act"; defines domicile for dependent students for purpose of eligibility for State student grants and scholarships, and resident tuition rate

S-721/A-1751 (Greenstein, Cunningham, Diegnan/Quijano, Benson) – Authorizes use of certain electric school buses

S-758/A-1987 (Cunningham, Cruz-Perez/Sumter, Mukherji, Quijano) – Requires incarcerated individual from State to be counted at residential address for legislative redistricting purposes

S-765/A-541 (Cunningham, T. Kean, Ruiz/Mazzeo, Jasey, Vainieri Huttle, Sumter, Benson) – Prohibits Higher Education Student Assistance Authority from referring defaulted loans under New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students (NJCLASS) Loan Program for certain actions if authority and borrower have entered into settlement agreement

S-782/A-1110 (Sarlo, Scutari/Downey, Houghtaling, Dancer) – Increases workers' compensation for loss of hand or foot

S-834 wGR/A-4186 (Scutari, Greenstein/Jones, Pintor Marin) – Prohibits resale of non-prescription diabetes test devices by pharmacists

S-939/A-3331 (Pou/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, McKnight) – Requires forms and materials for individuals with developmental disabilities to be available in languages other than English

S-974/A-3040 (Singleton, T. Kean/Vainieri Huttle, Timberlake, Mosquera) – Requires newborn infants be screened for spinal muscular atrophy

- S-1032/A-2389 (Vitale, Gopal/Schaer, Benson, Verrelli)** – Concerns expansion of services provided by DHS mental health screening services
- S-1146/A-2365 (Codey, Rice/Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji, Downey)** – Requires hospital patient's medical record to include notation if patient is at increased risk of confusion, agitation, behavioral problems, and wandering due to dementia related disorder
- S-1298/ACS for A-2972 (A.M. Bucco, Singleton/Mazzeo, Dunn, Space)** – Permits municipalities to provide information on property tax bills concerning amount of local tax dollars saved through shared services
- S-1318/A-3156 (Ruiz, Scutari/Lampitt, Mosquera)** – Permits counties and non-governmental, community-based agencies to establish family justice centers which provide coordinated, multi-agency governmental and non-governmental assistance to victims of certain crimes and offenses, including domestic violence, and their family members
- S-1505/A-1707 (Vitale/Vainieri Huttle, Lampitt, Benson, Mosquera)** – Expands membership of NJ Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect
- S-1647/A-3181 (Diegnan, Codey/Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Murphy)** – Prohibits use of coupons, price rebates, and price reduction promotions in sales of tobacco and vapor products
- S-1683/A-4267 (Smith, Greenstein/McKeon, Space, Wirths)** – Concerns regulation of solid waste, hazardous waste, and soil and fill recycling industries
- S-1703/A-715 (Connors, Holzapfel/Gove, Rumpf, DiMaso)** – Exempts disabled veterans from beach buggy permit fees
- S-1791/A-3414 (Weinberg/Johnson, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling)** – Requires employers to disclose certain wage information to employees
- S-1796/A-4693 (Addiego, Sweeney/Murphy)** – Permits school district of residence to provide aid in-lieu-of transportation to pupil attending Marine Academy of Science and Technology provided certain conditions are met
- S-1832/A-211 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Chiaravalloti, Zwicker, Pintor Marin)** – Establishes loan redemption program and tuition reimbursement program for certain teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
- S-2267/A-3616 (Sweeney, Corrado/Burzichelli, Holley, Calabrese)** – Gives State lottery winners option of remaining anonymous indefinitely
- S-2303/A-4843 (Sweeney, Ruiz, Cunningham/Wimberly, Karabinchak, Calabrese)** – Requires establishment of Work and Learn Consortiums by certain educational institutions to establish certificate and degree programs identified in high labor-demand industries
- S-2389 wGR/A-5449 (Singleton/Quijano, Downey, Houghtaling, Moriarty)** – Requires New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy to establish prescription drug pricing disclosure website and certain pharmaceutical manufacturing companies to provide prescription drug price information
- S-2428/A-4965 (Scutari/Quijano, Vainieri Huttle)** – Requires that massage and bodywork therapists and employers carry professional liability insurance
- S-2469/A-3745 (Singleton, Oroho/Wirths, Mazzeo, Space)** – Prohibits person from contracting for public work if person is federally debarred from receiving federal contract
- S-2511/A-4020 (Madden/Mazzeo, Murphy, Johnson)** – Changes title of DEP "conservation officer" to "conservation police officer"
- S-2521/A-4087 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Requires reporting of inmate abuse by employees of State correctional facilities and establishes reporting and investigation program
- S-2522/A-4090 (Cryan, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake)** – Limits cross gender strip searches in

State correctional facilities

S-2532/A-4086 (Greenstein, Cruz-Perez/Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Timberlake) – Requires correctional police officers receive 20 hours in-service training, including four hours in prevention of sexual misconduct, non-fraternization, and manipulation

S-2555/A-3990 (Gopal, Ruiz/Mukherji, Benson, Karabinchak) – Allows dependent students whose parents or guardians hold H-1B visas to qualify for in-State tuition at public institutions of higher education provided they meet certain criteria

S-2564/A-3519 (Turner, Singleton/Benson, McKnight, Jasey) – Establishes "Restorative Justice in Education Pilot Program" in Department of Education

SCS for S-2599/ACS for A-1268 (Bateman, Beach/Tucker, Conaway, Lampitt, Quijano) – Authorizes veterans' property tax exemption and veterans' property tax deduction for honorably discharged veterans of United States Armed Forces who did not serve in time of war or other emergency

S-2826/A-3274 (Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Dancer, Benson) – Requires institutions of higher education to offer cats and dogs no longer used for educational, research, or scientific purposes for adoption; designated the "Homes for Animal Heroes Act"

S-2849/A-4590 (A.M. Bucco/DiMaio, Caputo, Dunn) – Designates Seeing Eye® dog as State Dog

S-3036/A-1697 (Lagana, Scutari/Dancer, Downey) – Prohibits medical providers from reporting certain workers' compensation medical charges to collection and credit reporting agencies

S-3061/A-4603 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Lampitt, Mukherji, Benson) – Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that participate in DOL registered apprenticeship programs; establishes grant program for tax-exempt organizations participating in DOL registered apprenticeship programs

S-3065/A-4657 (Ruiz, Singleton/Armato, Benson, Timberlake) – Establishes youth apprenticeship pilot program in Department of Education

S-3067/A-4602 (Ruiz, Singleton/Lampitt, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) – Establishes five year Apprentice Assistance and Support Services Pilot Program

S-3116/A-4683 (Ruiz/Speight, Munoz, Tucker) – Requires certain medical facilities to undertake end-of-life planning and training

S-3117/A-4685 (Ruiz/Speight, Pinkin, Munoz) – Requires emergency departments to take certain measures concerning palliative care for patients

S-3126/A-4107 (Gopal/Benson, DeCroce, Chiaravalloti) – Requires drivers to stop at railroad crossing when on-track equipment is approaching railroad crossing

S-3170/A-5145 (Cryan, Pou/Quijano, Milam, Land) – Increases prenotification time and requires severance pay in certain plant closings, transfers, and mass layoffs

S-3227/A-5261 (Gopal/Tully, Pinkin, Swain) – Requires restaurants to post signs advising customers to notify servers of food allergies; requires restaurant managers to complete food allergen training

S-3265/A-3178 (Turner, Codey, Vitale/Conaway, Murphy, Vainieri Huttle) – Prohibits sale or distribution of flavored vapor products

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S-3330 wGR/A-5066 (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

S-3422/A-6056 (Singer, T. Kean/Houghtaling, Downey, Vainieri Huttle) – Requires declaration of Code Blue

alert when National Weather Service predicts temperatures of 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower

S-3468/A-5105 (Sweeney, Singleton/Murphy, Karabinchak, Vainieri Huttle) – Establishes Task Force on Maximizing Employment for People with Disabilities

S-3511/A-5298 (Singer, T. Kean/Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle, Downey) – Authorizes certain health care and social service resources to be made available during Code Blue alert

S-3581/A-5963 (Singleton/Lopez, Quijano) – Prohibits certain business financing contracts that contain judgment by confession provisions

S-3685/A-5345 (Sarlo, Singleton/Mukherji, Conaway, McKnight) – Establishes program to increase participation of underrepresented students in New Jersey's science and engineering workforce

S-3756/A-6115 (Ruiz, Sarlo, O'Scanlon/Jasey, Jones, Wirths) – Requires limited purpose regional school districts to coordinate with constituent districts regarding school calendar and curriculum

S-3763/A-6116 (Addiego, Bateman, Sarlo/DeAngelo, Dancer, Space) – Renames joint meetings as regional service agencies; grandfathers existing joint meetings

S-3869/A-5561 (Sarlo/Burzichelli, Houghtaling) – Prohibits local governments from imposing fines on alarm companies in certain circumstances

S-3871/A-5427 (Bateman, Scutari/DePhillips, McKeon) – Adds member from Retired Judges Association of New Jersey to State Investment Council

SCS for S-3878/ACS for A-5394 (Ruiz, Weinberg, Cunningham/Moriarty, McKnight, Pinkin) – Reaffirms and clarifies that Attorney General and Division on Civil Rights may initiate actions in Superior Court to enforce "Law Against Discrimination"

S-3920 wGR/A-5552 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter) – Concerns provision of energy to certain manufacturing facilities by providing exemptions to certain energy related taxes

S-3923/A-5680 (Madden, Singleton/Giblin, Timberlake, Murphy) – Concerns labor harmony agreements for hospitality projects

SCS for S-3939 and 3944/ACS for A-5681 and 5682 (Smith, Greenstein, Bateman, Codey/Pinkin, Lopez, McKeon) – Establishes Recycling Market Development Council

S-3985/A-5663 (Smith/McKeon, Pinkin, Vainieri Huttle) – Amends "Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act" to add definition of "open access offshore wind transmission facility" and revises law concerning "qualified offshore wind projects"

S-4025/A-5695 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter) – Makes FY 2020 language allocation of \$1,000,000 appropriated to Grants for Urban Parks to Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson

S-4162/A-6014 (Smith, Greenstein/Vainieri Huttle, Pinkin, Houghtaling) – Establishes NJ Climate Change Resource Center at Rutgers University; appropriates up to \$500,000

S-4165/A-4364 (Rice/Giblin, Caputo, Tucker) – Expands University Hospital board of directors membership from 11 to 13 members

S-4188/A-6075 (Beach/Murphy, Dancer, Lampitt) – "Lindsay's Law"; provides tax benefits to organ and bone marrow donors and their employers, and provides paid time off to donors who are State or local government employees

S-4200/A-5855 (Ruiz, Turner/Coughlin, Lampitt, Holley) – Requires State to pay difference between federal allocation and total cost of reduced price breakfast or lunch; appropriates \$4.5 million

S-4247/A-6049 (Gopal, O'Scanlon/Conaway, Houghtaling, Downey) – Establishes criteria for distribution of Fiscal Year 2020 funding to Community Food Bank of New Jersey and partner organizations

S-4264/A-5962 (Pou/Wimberly, Sumter, Calabrese) – Designates State Highway Route 19 as "William J. Pascrell Jr. Highway"

S-4275/A-6088 (Smith, Greenstein/Burzichelli) – Allows BPU to increase cost to customers of Class I renewable energy requirement for energy years 2022 through 2024, under certain conditions

S-4276/A-6109 (Corrado, Bateman/Armato, Calabrese, Land) – Appropriates \$32,153,936 to State Agriculture Development Committee, and amends 2017 appropriations for stewardship activities, for farmland preservation purposes

S-4277/A-6112 (Greenstein, Bateman/Freiman, Danielsen, Downey) – Appropriates \$5,000,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

S-4278/A-6108 (Greenstein, Bateman/Taliaferro, Karabinchak, Kennedy) – Appropriates \$21 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

S-4279/A-6106 (Smith, Bateman/Houghtaling, Reynolds-Jackson, Pinkin) – Appropriates \$1,350,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

S-4286/A-5890 (Vitale/Swain, Jones) – Clarifies procedures concerning collection of child support on behalf of child over age 19 when court has ordered such support

S-4309/A-6107 (Turner, Cruz-Perez/Mejia, Vainieri Huttie, Zwicker) – Appropriates \$13,902,723 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

S-4310/A-6114 (Codey, Bateman/Carter, Murphy, Lopez) – Appropriates \$8,872,682 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes

S-4311/A-6113 (Greenstein, Bateman/Speight, Mukherji, Verrelli) – Appropriates \$77,450,448 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and various Green Acres funds to DEP for local government open space acquisition and park development projects

S-4312/A-6111 (Smith, Bateman/Giblin, Mazzeo, Land) – Appropriates \$36.143 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

S-4313/A-6110 (Corrado, Bateman/Moriarty, McKeon, Swain) – Appropriates \$33.915 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects

SCS for S-4315/ACS for A-6063 (Beach, Turner/Jones, Zwicker) – Creates fund to reimburse local units of government for cost of certain mail-in ballot procedures; appropriates \$3,000,000

SJR-51/AJR-189 (Rice, Turner/Verrelli, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) – Establishes the "New Jersey State Commission on Urban Violence"

SJR-65/AJR-90 (Weinberg, Addiego/DiMaso, Vainieri Huttie, Schepisi) – Designates March 19th "Women in Public Office Day" in New Jersey

SJR-80/AJR-121 (Lagana, Weinberg/Jones, Benson, Chiaravalloti, DeCroce) – Urges federal government to adhere to commitment to improve Northeast Corridor rail infrastructure by providing funding to complete Gateway Program

SJR-125/AJR-169 (Gopal, Codey/Wolfe, Pinkin) – Designates the second week of October of each year as "Obesity Care Week" in NJ

- A-344/S-1575 (Murphy, McKeon, Timberlake/Cruz-Perez, Singleton)** – Revises certain aspects of the New Jersey Individual Development Account Program
- A-1040/S-3928 (Houghtaling, Taliaferro/Andrzejczak)** – Establishes NJ "Landowner of the Year" award program
- A-1146/S-4330 (Wimberly, Holley/Pou, Singleton)** – Establishes "New Jersey Investing in You Promise Neighborhood Commission"
- A-1277/S-2629 (Tucker, Holley, Lopez/Singleton, Gopal)** – Requires hospitals and homeless shelters to provide information on services and resources to individuals who are homeless or military veterans
- A-1449/S-3168 (Benson, DeAngelo/Greenstein, Turner)** – Provides job security to certain organ and bone marrow donors
- A-1477/S-3228 (Chaparro, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Jimenez, Mukherji, Downey/Gopal, Scutari)** – Establishes Statewide Hit and Run Advisory Program to facilitate apprehension of persons fleeing motor vehicle accident scene; designated as "Zackhary's Law"
- A-1478/S-1648 (Chaparro, Vainieri Huttle/Diegnan, T. Kean)** – Revises law governing theater liquor licenses
- A-1604/S-2734 (Conaway, Murphy, Jimenez/Singleton)** – "Recreational Therapists Licensing Act"
- A-1796/S-2609 (McKeon, Downey/Lagana, Gopal)** – Prevents criminal defendant from asserting "gay and transgender panic" defense to murder charge in order to reduce charge to manslaughter committed in heat of passion
- A-1924/S-2930 (Mukherji, A.M. Bucco, DeAngelo, DeCroce/Beach)** – Exempts certain honorably discharged United States military veterans from initial insurance producer licensing fee
- A-1992/S-1780 (Sumter, Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Houghtaling, Wimberly/Diegnan, Turner)** – "New Jersey Call Center Jobs Act"
- A-2183/S-1687 (Land, Johnson/Cruz-Perez, Andrzejczak)** – "Music Therapist Licensing Act"
- ACS for A-2431 wGR/SCS for S-1865 (Benson, Jimenez, DeCroce/Weinberg, T. Kean)** – Requires health insurers to provide plans that limit patient cost-sharing concerning certain prescription drug coverage
- ACS for A-2444 and S-2656/S-2081 (Benson, Lampitt, Pinkin, Mukherji/Turner, Singleton)** – Provides for coverage of comprehensive tobacco cessation benefits in Medicaid
- A-2767/S-2924 (Greenwald, Mosquera, McKnight/Greenstein, Singleton)** – Amends certain provisions of sexual assault statute to clarify elements necessary for conviction
- A-3312/S-1972 (Murphy, Lagana, Downey, Sumter/Gopal, Corrado)** – Requires Legislature to adopt and distribute policy prohibiting sexual harassment; requires members, officers, and employees of Legislature to complete online training on policy once every two years
- A-3670/S-995 (Benson, Giblin, Murphy/Vitale, Weinberg)** – Provides for designation of acute stroke ready hospitals, establishes Stroke Care Advisory Panel and Statewide stroke database, and requires development of emergency medical services stroke care protocols
- ACS for A-4136/SCS for S-2675 (Land, Milam/Andrzejczak, Van Drew)** – Establishes Possession In Excess of Daily Limit Vessel License for black sea bass and summer flounder; dedicates fees therefrom to marine fisheries programs
- A-4147/S-2744 (Lampitt, Houghtaling, Zwicker/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires school districts and nonpublic schools to conduct audit of security features of buildings, grounds, and communication systems and to submit audit to NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness and DOE

- A-4150/S-2742 (Lampitt, Jones, Timberlake/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires meeting between student and appropriate school personnel after multiple suspensions or proposed expulsion from public school to identify behavior or health difficulties
- A-4151/S-2745 (Swain, Tully, Jasey/Ruiz, Corrado)** – Requires school security training for persons employed by public and nonpublic schools in substitute capacity and for employees and volunteers of youth programs operated in school buildings
- A-4260/S-4335 (Timberlake, Giblin, Tucker, Caputo/Pou, Scutari)** – Prohibits sale of certain toy guns and imitation firearms
- A-4370/S-2919 (Carroll/A.M. Bucco)** – Increases membership of board of trustees of Washington Association of New Jersey
- A-4377/S-2934 (Benson, Land, DeCroce/Greenstein)** – Requires DOT and OIT to develop materials concerning capabilities of airports in NJ and establishes "Public Use Airports Task Force"
- A-4517/S-4341 (Wimberly, Speight, Reynolds-Jackson/Singleton, Cunningham)** – Establishes "New Jersey Eviction Crisis Task Force"
- A-4529/S-3191 (Mazzeo, Armato/Gopal, Andrezejczak)** – Concerns reimbursements to Superstorm Sandy-impacted homeowners subjected to contractor fraud
- A-4563/S-3096 (Zwicker, Benson/Greenstein, Gill)** – Prohibits use of bots to deceive person about origin and content of communication for certain commercial or election purposes
- A-4564/S-3087 (Zwicker, Freiman/Greenstein)** – Establishes "Voting Precinct Transparency Act;" requires filing of election district, county district, and municipal ward boundary data with Secretary of State for posting and download on official website with matching election results data
- A-4699/S-2938 (Moriarty, Burzichelli, Bramnick/Turner)** – Regulates annual report filing services
- A-4803/S-4211 (Greenwald, Johnson, Pintor Marin/Cryan, Vitale)** – Authorizes certain entities to directly bill Victims of Crime Compensation Office for counseling services provided to victims of firearm and stabbing crimes
- A-4822/S-3408 (Wimberly, Tully, Swain/Singleton, Greenstein)** – Permits municipalities to lease vacant municipal land for tiny home occupancy; directs DCA to enhance regulatory guidance on acceptable tiny home construction and use
- A-4904 wGR/S-3347 (Mukherji, Quijano, Mazzeo/Cryan, Sweeney)** – Concerns property taxes due and owing on real property owned by certain federal employees or contractors under certain circumstances
- A-4954/S-3368 (Quijano, Murphy, Carter/Singleton, Greenstein)** – Revises requirements for provision of counseling and support services to emergency services personnel
- ACS for A-4972/SCS for S-1490 (Moriarty/Beach, Scutari)** – Establishes certain consumer protections related to arbitration organizations
- A-4978 wGR/S-3498 (Timberlake, Zwicker, Vainieri Huttle/Greenstein, Cryan)** – Prohibits online education services from using and disclosing certain information, engaging in targeted advertising, and requires deletion of certain information in certain circumstances
- A-5023/S-3467 (McKnight, Mukherji, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti/Cunningham)** – Exempts from DOT permitting requirements certain signs not located in protected areas that have been approved by municipality
- A-5028/S-3523 (Mukherji, Conaway, Pintor Marin/Vitale, Diegnan)** – Establishes "James Nicholas Rentas's Law," revises "New Jersey SmokeFree Air Act"
- A-5029/S-3522 (Sumter, Reynolds-Jackson, Johnson/Rice, T. Kean)** – Requires New Jersey Office on Minority and Multicultural Health to study racial disparities on sexual and reproductive health of African-American women

A-5031/S-3455 (Speight, McKnight, Timberlake/Ruiz) – Requires hospital emergency departments to ask person of childbearing age about recent pregnancy history

A-5314/S-3692 (Zwicker, Milam, Mazzeo/Cryan, Ruiz) – Requires DHS to study social isolation occurring in certain population groups

A-5344/S-3833 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttel, Milam/Gopal, Corrado) – Establishes uniform standard for acceptable proof of veteran status for veteran's ID cards and various State and local programs

A-5388/S-3895 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Greenwald/Greenstein, Ruiz) – Requires specialized in-service training regarding crime victims for police departments in certain high-crime areas

A-5389/S-3896 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Greenwald/Greenstein, Ruiz) – Requires training or experience in crime victims' rights for certain members of Victims of Crime Compensation Review Board

A-5432/S-3796 (Milam, Land/Andrzejczak) – Requires DEP Commissioner to establish individual transferable quota system for menhaden purse seine fishery

A-5445/S-3909 (Swain, Tully, Spearman/T. Kean, Corrado) – Requires AG to establish program to detect fentanyl in State's illegal drug supply and make information related to presence of fentanyl available in database accessible by law enforcement

A-5511/S-1852 (Spearman, Jones, Reynolds-Jackson/Turner, Cruz-Perez) – Revises certain penalties for illegal operation of snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or dirt bike

A-5580/S-3842 (Johnson, Moriarty, Greenwald/Weinberg, Sarlo) – Extends availability period for tax credits for certain expenses incurred for production of certain film and digital media content, raises annual cap related to film production, and provides for annual administration of film tax credits

A-5583/S-3919 (Pinkin, Lopez, Mukherji/Smith, Bateman) – Prohibits sale, lease, rent, or installation of certain equipment or products containing hydrofluorocarbons or other greenhouse gases

A-5630/S-3981 (Pintor Marin, Munoz, Reynolds-Jackson/Weinberg, Corrado) – Requires Civil Service Commission to establish and maintain hotline for State employees to submit reports of workplace discrimination and harassment

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A-5667/S-3933 (Mukherji, Vainieri Huttel, Armato, DeCroce, Karabinchak/Singer, Scutari) – "Charlie's Law"; requires pharmacy practice sites and hospice programs to furnish patients with information and means to safely dispose of unused prescription drugs and medications

A-5801/S-4064 (Coughlin, Houghtaling, Verrelli/Singleton, Sweeney) – Concerns responsibility of contractors for wage claims against subcontractors

A-5817/S-4263 (Mazzeo, Armato/Cunningham, Sweeney, C.A. Brown) – Allows certain persons to qualify for casino key employee license and casino employee registration

A-5916/S-4255 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight, Karabinchak/Cunningham, Weinberg) – Authorizes DOH to notify elected officials of financial distress of certain hospitals

A-5918/SCS for S-3741 and 4253 (Chiaravalloti, McKnight/Weinberg, Cunningham, Vitale) – Expands hospital reporting requirements

A-5970/S-4201 (Lopez, Speight, Chaparro/Codey) – Amends list of environmental infrastructure projects approved for long-term funding for FY2020 to include new projects, remove certain projects, and modify estimated loan amounts for certain projects

A-5971/S-4202 (Mukherji, Pintor Marin, Spearman/Bateman, Corrado) – Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend additional sums to make loans for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2020

A-5972/S-4203 (Pinkin, Benson, Zwicker/Greenstein, Singleton) – Makes changes to New Jersey Infrastructure Bank's enabling act

A-5977/S-4282 (Greenwald, Downey, Vainieri Huttie/Vitale, Singleton) – Provides for establishment of Regional Health Hub Program as replacement to Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project, and designates existing accountable care organizations and look-alike organizations as Regional Health Hubs

A-6119/S-4336 (Egan, Houghtaling/Madden) – Revises "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act" and amends definition of registered apprenticeship program

AJR-35/SJR-159 (McKnight, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti, DeCroce/Cunningham, Greenstein) – Designates third full week in March as "Domestic Violence Services Awareness Week" to bring awareness of services available to domestic violence victims

AJR-103/SJR-70 (Rooney, DePhillips, Murphy/Corrado) – Permanently designates January as "NUT Carcinoma Awareness Month" in New Jersey

AJR-118/SJR-157 (McKnight, Timberlake, McKeon/Pou, Madden) – Designates April of each year as "Financial Literacy Month" in New Jersey

AJR-180/SJR-112 (DeAngelo, McKnight, Murphy/Singleton, Corrado) – Designates February in each year as "Career and Technical Education Month" in New Jersey

Governor Murphy declined to sign the following bills, meaning they expire without becoming law:

S-691/A-657 (Ruiz, Pou/Jasey, Caputo, Pintor Marin, Sumter, Wimberly) – Requires that if a school district satisfies 80% or more of the required NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum standards in an area of district effectiveness under State intervention, the State must return that area to local control

S-1083/A-544 (Cruz-Perez, Gopal/Mazzeo, Houghtaling, Holley, Dancer) – Establishes loan program and provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for establishment of new vineyards and wineries

S-2421/A-1030 (Smith, Bateman/Johnson, Kennedy, Benson, DeAngelo) – Concerns installation of electric vehicle charging stations in common interest communities

S-2425/A-3851 (Singleton, Andrzejczak/Conaway) – Revises law relating to common interest communities

S-2429/A-4028 (Scutari, Pou/Bramnick, Downey) – Requires automobile insurers to disclose policy limits upon request by an attorney under certain circumstances

S-2835/A-3926 (Singleton, Ruiz/Conaway, Lampitt, Murphy) – Requires public schools to administer written screenings for depression for students in certain grades

S-2897/A-1433 (Madden, Singer/Benson, Wimberly, Carter) – Requires DCA to establish procedures for inspection and abatement of mold hazards in residential buildings and school facilities, and certification programs for mold inspectors and mold hazard abatement workers

S-2957/A-4712 (Stack/Mukherji, Chaparro) – Establishes five-year moratorium on conversions of certain residential rental premises in qualified counties

S-2958/A-4535 (Sarlo, Oroho/Zwicker, DePhillips, DeCroce) – Establishes the "Energy Infrastructure Public-Private Partnership Act"

S-3062/A-2049 (Ruiz, Greenstein/Howarth, Benson, Murphy) – Provides corporation business tax and gross income tax credits for businesses that employ apprentices in DOL registered apprenticeships

S-3063/A-4655 (Ruiz/Armato, Vainieri Huttie, DeAngelo) – Provides tuition fee waiver apprenticeship courses

S-3137/A-1308 (Sweeney, Oroho, Singleton/Greenwald, Milam, Land) – The "Electronic Construction Procurement Act"

S-3252/A-4713 (Greenstein, Stack/DeAngelo, Quijano) – "New Townhouse Fire Safety Act"; requires automatic fire sprinkler systems in new townhomes

S-3263/A-4837 (T. Kean, Diegnan/Vainieri Huttie, Chiaravalloti, McKnight) – Revises and updates membership and purpose of Advisory Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in DHS

S-3270/A-5095 (Pou/McKeon, Freiman, DeCroce) – Establishes certain requirements for stop loss insurance offered to small employers

S-3393/ACS for A-5384 and 5157 (Sarlo, Addiego/Mazzeo, Murphy, Houghtaling, Calabrese, Armato, Dancer) – Allows certain preserved farms to hold 14 special occasion events per year; imposes further event restrictions on residentially-exposed preserved farms

S-3770/A-6118 (Sarlo, Oroho, Sweeney/Greenwald, Jones) – Establishes "New Jersey Economic and Fiscal Policy Review Commission" to provide ongoing review of State and local tax structure, economic conditions, and related fiscal issues

S-3888/A-5585 (Ruiz/Dancer, Pintor Marin) – Extends document submission deadlines under Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program and Urban Transit Hub Tax Credit program

S-4035/A-5702 (Pou, Singleton/Wimberly, Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter) – Makes Fiscal Year 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$1,700,000 for Thomas Edison State University

S-4281/A-6094 (Smith, Diegnan/Danielsen, Pinkin) – Requires State to sell and convey to Educational Services Commission of New Jersey certain land and improvements known as Piscataway Regional Day School

S-4331/A-4727 (Diegnan, Madden/Karabinchak, Holley, Jones) – Requires person taking written examination for permit to watch video of rights and responsibilities of driver stopped by law enforcement; requires testing on rights and responsibilities of driver stopped by law enforcement

A-491/S-4340 (Jimenez/Sacco, Stack) – Enhances PFRS accidental death pension for surviving spouse by providing for minimum of \$50,000 annually

A-1044/S-1441 (Houghtaling, Downey, DiMaio, Space/Doherty, Madden) – Requires Director of Division of Taxation to examine feasibility of centralized property tax information system to verify property taxes paid by homestead property tax reimbursement claimants

A-1045/S-2856 (Houghtaling, Downey, Dancer/Gopal, Oroho) – Clarifies sales tax collection responsibilities of horse-boarding businesses in New Jersey

A-1526/S-1048 (Zwicker, Johnson/Vitale) – Concerns payment of independent contractors

A-2731/S-3407 (Taliaferro, Space/Sweeney, Oroho) – Removes statutory limitation on number of permits that may be issued by Division of Fish and Wildlife for the taking of beaver

A-4382/S-2815 (Pinkin, Lopez, Kennedy/Beach, Smith) – Requires paint producers to implement or participate in paint stewardship program

A-4463/S-3927 (Freiman, Egan, Karabinchak/Oroho, Andrzejczak) – Establishes "Electronic Permit Processing Review System"

A-4788/S-3880 (Karabinchak, Freiman, Calabrese/Diegnan) – Establishes expedited construction inspection program

A-5072/S-3496 (Karabinchak, Johnson, Mukherji/Greenstein, Cryan) – "Defense Against Porch Pirates Act"; creates new category of theft, with penalties including mandatory restitution and community service, for taking package delivered to residence by cargo carrier

A-5446/S-3907 (Land, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/T. Kean, Lagana) – Requires reporting of opioid deaths

A-5629/S-3980 (Pintor Marin, Munoz/Weinberg, Corrado) – Clarifies provisions concerning disclosure of existence and content of discrimination or harassment complaints; requires certain disclosures to person against whom complaint is made

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ACS for A-5922 and 5923/SCS for S-4223 and 4224 (Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Lopez, Pinkin/Vitale, Sweeney) – Revises requirements for sale of tobacco and vapor products; increases penalties for prohibited sales; increases fees for cigarette and vapor business licensure

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