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LAWS OF: 2022 **CHAPTER:** 28

NJSA: 44:10-81.6
(Requires DHS to maintain SNAP outreach plan and to conduct additional outreach programs.)

BILL NO: A2361 (Substituted for S2016 (1R))

SPONSOR(S) Angelica M. Jimenez and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 2/7/2022

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Agriculture and Food Security
Human Service
Appropriations

SENATE: Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 6/29/2022

SENATE: 6/29/2022

DATE OF APPROVAL: 6/30/2022

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Second Reprint enacted)	Yes	
A2361		
INTRODUCED BILL: (Includes sponsor(s) statement)	Yes	
COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY:	Yes	Agriculture & Food Security Human Services Appropriations
SENATE:	Yes	Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:	No	
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:	Yes	3/3/2022 5/26/2022

S2016 (1R)

INTRODUCED BILL: (Includes sponsor(s) statement)	Yes	
COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY:	No	
SENATE:	Yes	Health, Human Services

and Senior Citizens

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Susan K. Livio nj advance media, "THRIVING BY 3 ACT' ok'ED Guv signs child tax credit bill, more to address poverty', Jersey Journal, The (online), 2 Jul 2022 003

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P.L. 2022, CHAPTER 28, *approved June 30, 2022*
Assembly, No.2361 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT ¹establis**h**ing a ¹concerning the¹ Supplemental Nutrition
2 Assistance Program outreach plan, ¹and¹ supplementing Title 44
3 of the Revised Statutes ¹, and making an appropriation¹.
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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. a. The department ¹, working in consultation and
9 cooperation with community-based organizations and county
10 welfare agencies,¹ shall ¹develop and implement¹ , consistent
11 with federal requirements, maintain¹ a ¹comprehensive¹ SNAP
12 outreach plan targeted at increasing potential beneficiaries' access
13 to:

14 (1) information regarding the availability of SNAP, the criteria
15 for eligibility for SNAP benefits, and the various methods to apply
16 for SNAP benefits; and

17 (2) the technological means to apply for SNAP benefits.

18 b. ¹At a minimum, the department's outreach plan developed
19 pursuant to subsection a. of this section ¹The department¹ shall ¹,
20 subject to available funds, conduct additional outreach programs,
21 which may¹ include:

22 (1) establishing a SNAP Navigator ¹Grant¹ Program, the
23 purpose of which shall be to ¹distribute grant funding, via a
24 process and method determined by the commissioner, to
25 community-based organizations to support the employment of ¹
26 recruit, train, and support¹ SNAP application navigators ¹. In
27 distributing grants under the program, the commissioner shall give
28 priority to community-based organizations that assist underserved
29 communities ¹via a process and method determined by the
30 commissioner¹;

31 (2) ¹providing¹ making available¹ training to the appropriate
32 staff at community-based organizations regarding the necessary
33 steps to complete and submit a SNAP application, through all
34 available methods, including online and by telephone. Staff trained
35 pursuant to this paragraph shall assist clients with the SNAP
36 application process;

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 19, 2022.

²Senate SHH committee amendments adopted June 23, 2022.

1 (3) partnering with community-based organizations to increase
2 client access to computers and the online SNAP application;
3 ¹**[and]**¹

4 (4) providing SNAP information and resources to beneficiaries
5 of public assistance programs who are served by the department and
6 county welfare agencies, and who are likely to be eligible for, but
7 are not currently receiving, SNAP benefits¹; and

8 (5) conducting a public awareness campaign using available
9 media, including television, radio, print, and social media, to inform
10 ²the² public of the availability of SNAP¹.

11 c. As used in this section:

12 “Commissioner” means Commissioner of Human Services.

13 ¹**[**“County welfare agency” means that agency of county
14 government, which is charged with the responsibility for
15 determining eligibility and issuing benefits for public assistance
16 programs. The term county welfare agency shall include, but not be
17 limited to, agencies that may be locally known as the Board of
18 Social Services; the Department of Citizen Services; the Division of
19 Welfare; the Division of Social Services; the Division of Temporary
20 Assistance and Social Services; or as the Department of Family and
21 Community Development.**]**¹

22 “Department” means the Department of Human Services.

23 “Public assistance program” means any program administered
24 through the Department of Human Services, a county welfare
25 agency, or a collaboration between the two which is authorized to
26 provide assistance and services to needy persons, including, but not
27 limited to: the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
28 Program, established pursuant to the federal “Food and Nutrition
29 Act of 2008,” Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.); the Work
30 First New Jersey program established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.38
31 (C.44:10-55 et seq.); and the Medicaid program established
32 pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

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

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37 2. The Commissioner of Human Services ¹**[**, pursuant to the
38 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
39 seq.), shall **]** may¹ promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the
40 provisions of this act ¹,which rules and regulations shall be
41 effective immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative
42 Law for a period not to exceed 18 months, and may, thereafter, be
43 amended, adopted, or readopted in accordance with the provisions
44 of the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
45 1 et seq.)¹.

1 ¹3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
2 Department of Human Services such an amount as is necessary, as
3 determined by the Commissioner of Human Services, to effectuate
4 paragraph (1) of subsection b. of section 1 of this act.]¹

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6 ¹4.] 3.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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11 Requires DHS to maintain SNAP outreach plan and to conduct
12 additional outreach programs.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2361

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 7, 2022

Sponsored by:

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District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Assemblywoman SHAVONDA E. SUMTER

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

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District 34 (Essex and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywomen Reynolds-Jackson, McKnight and Haider

SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to develop and implement SNAP outreach plan; appropriates funds.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/2/2022)

1 AN ACT establishing a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
2 outreach plan, supplementing Title 44 of the Revised Statutes,
3 and making an appropriation.

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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. a. The department, working in consultation and cooperation
9 with community-based organizations and county welfare agencies,
10 shall develop and implement a comprehensive SNAP outreach plan
11 targeted at increasing potential beneficiaries' access to:

12 (1) information regarding the availability of SNAP, the criteria
13 for eligibility for SNAP benefits, and the various methods to apply
14 for SNAP benefits; and

15 (2) the technological means to apply for SNAP benefits.

16 b. At a minimum, the department's outreach plan developed
17 pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall include:

18 (1) establishing a SNAP Navigator Grant Program, the purpose
19 of which shall be to distribute grant funding, via a process and
20 method determined by the commissioner, to community-based
21 organizations to support the employment of SNAP application
22 navigators. In distributing grants under the program, the
23 commissioner shall give priority to community-based organizations
24 that assist underserved communities;

25 (2) providing training to the appropriate staff at community-
26 based organizations regarding the necessary steps to complete and
27 submit a SNAP application, through all available methods,
28 including online and by telephone. Staff trained pursuant to this
29 paragraph shall assist clients with the SNAP application process;

30 (3) partnering with community-based organizations to increase
31 client access to computers and the online SNAP application; and

32 (4) providing SNAP information and resources to beneficiaries
33 of public assistance programs who are served by the department and
34 county welfare agencies, and who are likely to be eligible for, but
35 are not currently receiving, SNAP benefits.

36 c. As used in this section:

37 "Commissioner" means Commissioner of Human Services.

38 "County welfare agency" means that agency of county
39 government, which is charged with the responsibility for
40 determining eligibility and issuing benefits for public assistance
41 programs. The term county welfare agency shall include, but not be
42 limited to, agencies that may be locally known as the Board of
43 Social Services; the Department of Citizen Services; the Division of
44 Welfare; the Division of Social Services; the Division of Temporary
45 Assistance and Social Services; or as the Department of Family and
46 Community Development.

47 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

1 “Public assistance program” means any program administered
2 through the Department of Human Services, a county welfare agency,
3 or a collaboration between the two which is authorized to provide
4 assistance and services to needy persons, including, but not limited to:
5 the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,
6 established pursuant to the federal “Food and Nutrition Act of
7 2008,” Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.); the Work First New
8 Jersey program established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et
9 seq.); and the Medicaid program established pursuant to P.L.1968,
10 c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

11 “SNAP” means the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition
12 Assistance Program, established pursuant to the federal “Food and
13 Nutrition Act of 2008,” Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.).
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15 2. The Commissioner of Human Services, pursuant to the
16 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
17 seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the
18 provisions of this act.
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20 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
21 Department of Human Services such an amount as is necessary, as
22 determined by the Commissioner of Human Services, to effectuate
23 paragraph (1) of subsection b. of section 1 of this act.
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25 4. This act shall take effect immediately.
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28 STATEMENT
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30 This bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS),
31 working in consultation and cooperation with community-based
32 organizations and county welfare agencies, to develop and
33 implement a comprehensive outreach plan for the New Jersey
34 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP,
35 formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, is a nutrition
36 assistance program that serves as a safety net for low-income
37 households.

38 Research indicates that only an estimated 70 percent of eligible
39 individuals in New Jersey participate in SNAP, leaving many who
40 could benefit unserved. As staff and resources dedicated to
41 outreach on the county level are limited, it is the sponsor’s goal to
42 increase the program’s participation rate, while reducing hunger in
43 the State, through a comprehensive Statewide outreach effort.

44 Specifically, the bill directs that the outreach plan is to focus on
45 increasing potential beneficiaries’ access to: 1) information
46 regarding the availability of SNAP, the criteria for eligibility for
47 SNAP benefits, and the various methods to apply for SNAP

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1 benefits; and 2) the technological means to apply for SNAP
2 benefits.

3 At a minimum, the plan is to include:

4 1) establishing a SNAP Navigator Grant Program, the purpose
5 of which will be to distribute grant funding, via a process and
6 method determined by the Commissioner of Human Services, to
7 community-based organizations to support the employment of
8 SNAP application navigators. In distributing grants under the
9 program, the commissioner will be required to give priority to
10 community-based organizations that assist underserved
11 communities. The bill directs that funds, the amount to be
12 determined by the commissioner, be appropriated from the General
13 Fund to the DHS for the purposes of establishing this grant
14 program;

15 2) providing training to the appropriate staff at community-
16 based organizations regarding the necessary steps to complete and
17 submit a SNAP application, through all available methods,
18 including online and by telephone. Trained staff are to assist clients
19 with the SNAP application process;

20 3) partnering with community-based organizations to increase
21 client access to computers and the online SNAP application; and

22 4) providing SNAP information and resources to beneficiaries of
23 public assistance programs who are served by the department and
24 by county welfare agencies, and who are likely to be eligible for,
25 but are not currently receiving, SNAP benefits.

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2361

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 14, 2022

The Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2361.

This bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS), working in consultation and cooperation with community-based organizations and county welfare agencies, to develop and implement a comprehensive outreach plan for the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, is a nutrition assistance program that serves as a safety net for low-income households.

Specifically, the bill directs that the outreach plan focus on increasing potential beneficiaries' access to: 1) information regarding the availability of SNAP, the criteria for eligibility for SNAP benefits, and the various methods to apply for SNAP benefits; and 2) the technological means to apply for SNAP benefits.

At a minimum, the plan is to include:

1) establishing a SNAP Navigator Grant Program, the purpose of which will be to distribute grant funding, via a process and method determined by the Commissioner of Human Services, to community-based organizations to support the employment of SNAP application navigators. In distributing grants under the program, the commissioner will be required to give priority to community-based organizations that assist underserved communities. The bill directs that funds, the amount to be determined by the commissioner, be appropriated from the General Fund to the DHS for the purposes of establishing this grant program;

2) providing training to the appropriate staff at community-based organizations regarding the necessary steps to complete and submit a SNAP application, through all available methods, including online and by telephone. Trained staff are to assist clients with the SNAP application process;

3) partnering with community-based organizations to increase client access to computers and the online SNAP application; and

4) providing SNAP information and resources to beneficiaries of public assistance programs who are served by the department and by county welfare agencies, and who are likely to be eligible for, but are not currently receiving, SNAP benefits.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 2361
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 3, 2022

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Requires DHS to develop and implement SNAP outreach plan; appropriates funds.

Type of Impact: Potential one-time State and county expenditure increase. Potential one-time State revenue increase.

Agencies Affected: Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services; County Welfare Agencies.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>One-Time</u>
Potential State Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate
Potential County Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate
Potential State Revenue Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes the Division of Family Development (DFD) in the Department of Human Services (DHS), along with county welfare agencies (CWAs), may experience one-time, indeterminate increases in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative expenditures under the bill to develop and implement a comprehensive outreach plan for the program.
- The most significant expense for the department would be attributed to the establishment of a SNAP Navigator Grant Program. The bill directs the DHS to determine the amount of funds needed for the grant program. While the OLS cannot determine with any certainty how the DHS will assess need, a similar grant program offered by the State provided \$4 million in funds to community organizers to provide free outreach, education, and enrollment assistance to residents shopping for health insurance via the NJ Health Marketplace.
- The OLS notes that the federal government shares all administrative expenses of SNAP with the State. As such, the bill may also result in a State revenue increase from federal SNAP funds. Any increase in SNAP benefits under the bill would not have any fiscal impact on the State, as SNAP benefits are paid directly from federal funds.

- It is possible that the department will use the \$21 million in federal funds, scheduled to be received by the State over a three-year period starting in FY 2021 and allocated under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 for SNAP administrative costs, to comply with the provisions of this bill. To the extent that the department uses these funds for the purposes of this bill, costs incurred by the State and counties will decrease, or potentially be eliminated.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the DHS, working in consultation and cooperation with community-based organizations and CWAs, to develop and implement a comprehensive outreach plan for SNAP. At a minimum, the plan is to:

- 1) establish a SNAP Navigator Grant Program, the purpose of which will be to distribute grant funding, via a process and method determined by the DHS, to community-based organizations to support the employment of SNAP application navigators;
- 2) provide training to the appropriate staff at community-based organizations regarding the necessary steps to complete and submit a SNAP application;
- 3) partner with community-based organizations to increase client access to computers and the online SNAP application; and
- 4) provide SNAP information and resources to beneficiaries of public assistance programs who are likely to be eligible for, but are not currently receiving, SNAP benefits.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

SNAP is federally regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); however, the DFD works with CWAs to administer the program on a State level. As such, the OLS concludes that the DFD and county governments may incur an indeterminate amount of one-time administrative costs under this bill to develop and implement a comprehensive outreach plan for SNAP. The most significant expense for the department would be attributed to the establishment of a SNAP Navigator Grant Program. This estimate assumes that the outreach plan will have a finite operation and that the grant program will offer only one grant round.

The bill directs the DHS to determine the amount of funds needed for the grant program. While the OLS cannot determine with any certainty how the DHS will assess need, similar grant programs offered by the State may offer some context. For example, in 2021, the Department of Banking and Insurance administered a \$4 million grant program for community organizers to serve as State Navigators to provide free outreach, education, and enrollment assistance to residents shopping for health insurance via the NJ Health Marketplace. As of January 27, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reports that the NJ Health Marketplace has registered 311,692 plan selections. Conversely, according to DFD, the 2021 monthly average enrollment in SNAP was 863,541; however, analysis performed by the Center of Budget and Policy Priorities reports that only 81 percent of eligible individuals in the State participate in SNAP. It is important to note

that CWAs currently provide free assistance to SNAP applicants, and that SNAP applicants who do not require any assistance can apply online for the program.

Other expenses include the provision of training and technological support, as well as the distribution of information and resources. As administrators of SNAP, and key players in other social service programs offered in the State, it is likely that the department and CWAs will require minimal effort to compile, prepare, and disseminate information regarding SNAP to potential beneficiaries. Furthermore, the bill does not indicate how training required under the bill is to be implemented. It is possible that the use of certain formats, such as online tutorials and other remote technologies, will limit these costs. Finally, the department's efforts to increase client access to computers and online SNAP applications, as required under the bill, may overlap with existing federal programs, the Lifeline Program and the Affordable Connectivity Program, thereby minimizing costs. These programs provide eligible low-income individuals with a free smartphone and free wireless phone service, as well as a discount on broadband service and connected devices such as computers or tablets. SNAP beneficiaries automatically qualify for both federal programs.

The OLS notes that the federal government shares all administrative expenses of the program with the State. As such, the bill may also result in a State revenue increase from federal SNAP funds. Any increase in SNAP benefits under the bill would not have any fiscal impact on the State, as SNAP benefits are paid directly from federal funds.

Furthermore, the federal ARP Act of 2021 provides \$1.135 billion over a three-year period for state SNAP administrative costs to help accommodate the increased demand for benefits resulting from the COVID pandemic. The additional federal funding does not require a state match. Between FY 2021 and FY 2023, New Jersey is scheduled to receive \$21 million from this source. By comparison, total SNAP administrative costs for FY 2019 in New Jersey were \$326.8 million. Guidance from USDA directs states to use these funds for the following purposes, which also coincide with the provisions of this bill: investments in technology to improve client access to SNAP; investments in employees to provide the necessary training to modernize customer service delivery; explore opportunities to improve service delivery and access to vulnerable populations; and revise SNAP outreach materials to ensure program information is easy to find, clear, and concise. To the extent that the department uses the ARP funds to fulfill the provisions of this bill, costs incurred by the State will decrease, or potentially be eliminated.

Section: Human Services

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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.).

ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2361

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 12, 2022

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2361.

This bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS), working in consultation and cooperation with community-based organizations and county welfare agencies, to develop and implement a comprehensive outreach plan for the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, is a nutrition assistance program that serves as a safety net for low-income households.

Specifically, the bill directs that the outreach plan focus on increasing potential beneficiaries' access to: 1) information regarding the availability of SNAP, the criteria for eligibility for SNAP benefits, and the various methods to apply for SNAP benefits; and 2) the technological means to apply for SNAP benefits.

At a minimum, the plan is to include:

1) establishing a SNAP Navigator Grant Program, the purpose of which will be to distribute grant funding, via a process and method determined by the Commissioner of Human Services, to community-based organizations to support the employment of SNAP application navigators. In distributing grants under the program, the commissioner will be required to give priority to community-based organizations that assist underserved communities. The bill directs that funds, the amount to be determined by the commissioner, be appropriated from the General Fund to the DHS for the purposes of establishing this grant program;

2) providing training to the appropriate staff at community-based organizations regarding the necessary steps to complete and submit a SNAP application, through all available methods, including online and by telephone. Trained staff are to assist clients with the SNAP application process;

3) partnering with community-based organizations to increase client access to computers and the online SNAP application; and

4) providing SNAP information and resources to beneficiaries of public assistance programs who are served by the department and by county welfare agencies, and who are likely to be eligible for, but are not currently receiving, SNAP benefits.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2361

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 19, 2022

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2361.

As amended, this bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to maintain an outreach plan for the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and to conduct additional outreach programs, subject to available funds. SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, is a nutrition assistance program that serves as a safety net for low-income households.

Specifically, the bill directs that the outreach plan focus on increasing potential beneficiaries' access to: 1) information regarding the availability of SNAP, the criteria for eligibility for SNAP benefits, and the various methods to apply for SNAP benefits; and 2) the technological means to apply for SNAP benefits.

Additional outreach programs may include:

1) establishing a SNAP Navigator Program, the purpose of which will be to recruit, train, and support SNAP application navigators, via a process and method determined by the Commission of Human Services;

2) making available training to the appropriate staff at community-based organizations regarding the necessary steps to complete and submit a SNAP application, through all available methods, including online and by telephone. Trained staff are to assist clients with the SNAP application process;

3) partnering with community-based organizations to increase client access to computers and the online SNAP application;

4) providing SNAP information and resources to beneficiaries of public assistance programs who are served by the department and by county welfare agencies, and who are likely to be eligible for, but are not currently receiving, SNAP benefits; and

5) conducting a public awareness campaign using available media, including television, radio, print, and social media, to inform public of the availability of SNAP.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments require the DHS to maintain a SNAP outreach program, consistent with federal requirements, and to conduct

additional outreach programs, subject to available funds. As introduced, the bill required the DHS to develop and implement a comprehensive SNAP outreach plan, in consultation and cooperation with community based organizations and county welfare agencies.

The committee amendments provide that the list of outreach plan activities listed in the bill are permissive, rather than mandatory.

The committee amendments revise the provisions of the SNAP Navigator Grant Program, a potential outreach plan activity under the amended bill, by eliminating the grant component and the corresponding State appropriation for the grant program and by providing that the purpose of the program is to recruit, train, and support SNAP application navigators, via a process and method determined by the Commissioner of Human Services. As introduced, the bill provided that purpose of the SNAP Navigator Grant Program was to distribute grant funding to community based organizations to support the employment of SNAP application navigators.

The committee amendments add the following additional potential outreach plan activity under the amended bill: conduct a public awareness campaign using available media, including television, radio, print, and social media, to inform public of the availability of SNAP.

The committee amendments eliminate the definition of “county welfare agency” from the bill.

The committee amendments revise the administrative procedure provisions of the bill, providing that the commissioner may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provision of the bill, rather than requiring such an action. Furthermore, the amended bill provides that any rules and regulations are required to be effective immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law for a period not to exceed 18 months, and may, thereafter, be amended, adopted, or readopted in accordance with the provisions of the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

The committee amendments update the bill’s title and synopsis to reflect the above amendments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes the Department of Human Services (DHS) may experience indeterminate increases in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative expenditures to conduct outreach programs, subject to the availability of funds.

The OLS notes that the federal government shares all administrative expenses of SNAP with the State. As such, the bill may also result in a State revenue increase from federal SNAP funds. Any increase in SNAP benefits under the bill would not have any fiscal impact on the State, as SNAP benefits are paid directly from federal funds.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2361

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MAY 26, 2022

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires DHS to maintain SNAP outreach plan and to conduct additional outreach programs.
- Type of Impact:** Potential one-time State and county expenditure increase. Potential one-time State revenue increase.
- Agencies Affected:** Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services; County Welfare Agencies.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>One-Time</u>
Potential State Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate
Potential County Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate
Potential State Revenue Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes the Division of Family Development (DFD) in the Department of Human Services (DHS), along with county welfare agencies (CWAs), may experience indeterminate, one-time increases in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative expenditures under the bill to develop and implement certain outreach programs that are in addition to those activities currently being implemented under the division's outreach plan. As the bill does not mandate the implementation of any specific outreach activities, the OLS cannot quantify the impact of these expenditures.
- The OLS notes that the federal government shares all administrative expenses of SNAP with the State. As such, the bill may also result in a State revenue increase from federal SNAP funds. Any increase in SNAP benefits under the bill would not have any fiscal impact on the State, as SNAP benefits are paid directly from federal funds.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the DHS to maintain an outreach plan for the SNAP and to conduct additional outreach programs, subject to available funds. Specifically, the bill directs that the outreach plan focus on increasing potential beneficiaries' access to: 1) information regarding the availability of SNAP, the criteria for eligibility for SNAP benefits, and the various methods to apply for SNAP benefits; and 2) the technological means to apply for SNAP benefits.

Additional outreach programs may include:

1) establishing a SNAP Navigator Program, the purpose of which will be to recruit, train, and support SNAP application navigators, via a process and method determined by the Commissioner of Human Services;

2) making available training to the appropriate staff at community-based organizations regarding the necessary steps to complete and submit a SNAP application, through all available methods, including online and by telephone. Trained staff are to assist clients with the SNAP application process;

3) partnering with community-based organizations to increase client access to computers and the online SNAP application;

4) providing SNAP information and resources to beneficiaries of public assistance programs who are served by the department and by county welfare agencies, and who are likely to be eligible for, but are not currently receiving, SNAP benefits; and

5) conducting a public awareness campaign using available media, including television, radio, print, and social media, to inform public of the availability of SNAP.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

SNAP is federally regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); however, the DFD works with CWAs to administer the program on a State level. As such, the OLS concludes that the DFD and county governments may incur an indeterminate amount of one-time administrative costs under this bill to develop and implement certain outreach programs that are in addition to those activities currently being implemented under the division's outreach plan. As the bill does not mandate the implementation of any specific outreach activities, the OLS cannot quantify the impact of these expenditures.

This estimate assumes that: 1) the division will not incur any costs in maintaining an outreach plan for SNAP, as those activities are supported by the division's existing operating budget; and 2) any additional outreach activities will have a finite operation.

The OLS notes that the federal government shares all administrative expenses of the program with the State. As such, the bill may also result in a State revenue increase from federal SNAP funds. Any increase in SNAP benefits under the bill would not have any fiscal impact on the State, as SNAP benefits are paid directly from federal funds.

Furthermore, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 provides \$1.135 billion over a three-year period for state SNAP administrative costs to help accommodate the increased demand for benefits resulting from the COVID pandemic. The additional federal funding does not

require a state match. Between FY 2021 and FY 2023, New Jersey is scheduled to receive \$21 million from this source. By comparison, total SNAP administrative costs for FY 2019 in New Jersey were \$326.8 million. Guidance from USDA directs states to use these funds for the following purposes, which also coincide with the provisions of this bill that suggest potential additional outreach programs: investments in technology to improve client access to SNAP; investments in employees to provide the necessary training to modernize customer service delivery; explore opportunities to improve service delivery and access to vulnerable populations; and revise SNAP outreach materials to ensure program information is easy to find, clear, and concise. To the extent that the department uses the ARP funds to fulfill any additional outreach activities implemented under this bill, costs incurred by the State or County will decrease, or potentially be eliminated.

Section: Human Services

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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.).

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2361

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 2022

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2361 (1R), with committee amendments.

This bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to maintain an outreach plan for the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and to conduct additional outreach programs, subject to available funds. SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, is a nutrition assistance program that serves as a safety net for low-income households.

Specifically, the bill directs that the outreach plan focus on increasing potential beneficiaries' access to: 1) information regarding the availability of SNAP, the criteria for eligibility for SNAP benefits, and the various methods to apply for SNAP benefits; and 2) the technological means to apply for SNAP benefits.

Additional outreach programs may include:

1) establishing a SNAP Navigator Program, the purpose of which will be to recruit, train, and support SNAP application navigators, via a process and method determined by the Commission of Human Services;

2) making available training to the appropriate staff at community-based organizations regarding the necessary steps to complete and submit a SNAP application, through all available methods, including online and by telephone. Trained staff are to assist clients with the SNAP application process;

3) partnering with community-based organizations to increase client access to computers and the online SNAP application;

4) providing SNAP information and resources to beneficiaries of public assistance programs who are served by the department and by county welfare agencies, and who are likely to be eligible for, but are not currently receiving, SNAP benefits; and

5) conducting a public awareness campaign using available media, including television, radio, print, and social media, to inform the public of the availability of SNAP.

As reported by the committee with amendments, Assembly Bill No. 2361 (1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 2016, which was also reported by the committee on this date, with amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments make a technical change concerning grammar.

SENATE, No. 2016

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 3, 2022

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SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to develop and implement SNAP outreach plan; appropriates funds.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/26/2022)

1 AN ACT establishing a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
2 outreach plan, supplementing Title 44 of the Revised Statutes,
3 and making an appropriation.
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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. a. The department, working in consultation and cooperation
9 with community-based organizations and county welfare agencies,
10 shall develop and implement a comprehensive SNAP outreach plan
11 targeted at increasing potential beneficiaries' access to:

12 (1) information regarding the availability of SNAP, the criteria
13 for eligibility for SNAP benefits, and the various methods to apply
14 for SNAP benefits; and

15 (2) the technological means to apply for SNAP benefits.

16 b. At a minimum, the department's outreach plan developed
17 pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall include:

18 (1) establishing a SNAP Navigator Grant Program, the purpose
19 of which shall be to distribute grant funding, via a process and
20 method determined by the commissioner, to community-based
21 organizations to support the employment of SNAP application
22 navigators. In distributing grants under the program, the
23 commissioner shall give priority to community-based organizations
24 that assist underserved communities;

25 (2) providing training to the appropriate staff at community-
26 based organizations regarding the necessary steps to complete and
27 submit a SNAP application, through all available methods,
28 including online and by telephone. Staff trained pursuant to this
29 paragraph shall assist clients with the SNAP application process;

30 (3) partnering with community-based organizations to increase
31 client access to computers and the online SNAP application; and

32 (4) providing SNAP information and resources to beneficiaries
33 of public assistance programs who are served by the department and
34 county welfare agencies, and who are likely to be eligible for, but
35 are not currently receiving, SNAP benefits.

36 c. As used in this section:

37 "Commissioner" means Commissioner of Human Services.

38 "County welfare agency" means that agency of county
39 government, which is charged with the responsibility for
40 determining eligibility and issuing benefits for public assistance
41 programs. The term county welfare agency shall include, but not be
42 limited to, agencies that may be locally known as the Board of
43 Social Services; the Department of Citizen Services; the Division of
44 Welfare; the Division of Social Services; the Division of Temporary
45 Assistance and Social Services; or as the Department of Family and
46 Community Development.

47 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

1 “Public assistance program” means any program administered
2 through the Department of Human Services, a county welfare agency,
3 or a collaboration between the two which is authorized to provide
4 assistance and services to needy persons, including, but not limited to:
5 the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,
6 established pursuant to the federal “Food and Nutrition Act of
7 2008,” Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.); the Work First New
8 Jersey program established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-
9 55 et seq.); and the Medicaid program established pursuant to
10 P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).

11 “SNAP” means the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition
12 Assistance Program, established pursuant to the federal “Food and
13 Nutrition Act of 2008,” Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.).

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15 2. The Commissioner of Human Services, pursuant to the
16 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-
17 1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the
18 provisions of this act.

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20 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
21 Department of Human Services such an amount as is necessary, as
22 determined by the Commissioner of Human Services, to effectuate
23 paragraph (1) of subsection b. of section 1 of this act.

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25 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS),
31 working in consultation and cooperation with community-based
32 organizations and county welfare agencies, to develop and
33 implement a comprehensive outreach plan for the New Jersey
34 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP,
35 formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, is a nutrition
36 assistance program that serves as a safety net for low-income
37 households.

38 Research indicates that only an estimated 70 percent of eligible
39 individuals in New Jersey participate in SNAP, leaving many who
40 could benefit unserved. As staff and resources dedicated to
41 outreach on the county level are limited, it is the sponsor’s goal to
42 increase the program’s participation rate, while reducing hunger in
43 the State, through a comprehensive Statewide outreach effort.

44 Specifically, the bill directs that the outreach plan is to focus on
45 increasing potential beneficiaries’ access to: 1) information
46 regarding the availability of SNAP, the criteria for eligibility for
47 SNAP benefits, and the various methods to apply for SNAP

1 benefits; and 2) the technological means to apply for SNAP
2 benefits.

3 At a minimum, the plan is to include:

4 1) establishing a SNAP Navigator Grant Program, the purpose
5 of which will be to distribute grant funding, via a process and
6 method determined by the Commissioner of Human Services, to
7 community-based organizations to support the employment of
8 SNAP application navigators. In distributing grants under the
9 program, the commissioner will be required to give priority to
10 community-based organizations that assist underserved
11 communities. The bill directs that funds, the amount to be
12 determined by the commissioner, be appropriated from the General
13 Fund to the DHS for the purposes of establishing this grant
14 program;

15 2) providing training to the appropriate staff at community-
16 based organizations regarding the necessary steps to complete and
17 submit a SNAP application, through all available methods,
18 including online and by telephone. Trained staff are to assist clients
19 with the SNAP application process;

20 3) partnering with community-based organizations to increase
21 client access to computers and the online SNAP application; and

22 4) providing SNAP information and resources to beneficiaries
23 of public assistance programs who are served by the department and
24 by county welfare agencies, and who are likely to be eligible for,
25 but are not currently receiving, SNAP benefits.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 2016

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 2022

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2016, with committee amendments.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to maintain an outreach plan for the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and to conduct additional outreach programs, subject to available funds. SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program, is a nutrition assistance program that serves as a safety net for low-income households.

Specifically, the bill directs that the outreach plan focus on increasing potential beneficiaries' access to: 1) information regarding the availability of SNAP, the criteria for eligibility for SNAP benefits, and the various methods to apply for SNAP benefits; and 2) the technological means to apply for SNAP benefits.

Additional outreach programs may include:

1) establishing a SNAP Navigator Program, the purpose of which will be to recruit, train, and support SNAP application navigators, via a process and method determined by the Commission of Human Services;

2) making available training to the appropriate staff at community-based organizations regarding the necessary steps to complete and submit a SNAP application, through all available methods, including online and by telephone. Trained staff are to assist clients with the SNAP application process;

3) partnering with community-based organizations to increase client access to computers and the online SNAP application;

4) providing SNAP information and resources to beneficiaries of public assistance programs who are served by the department and by county welfare agencies, and who are likely to be eligible for, but are not currently receiving, SNAP benefits; and

5) conducting a public awareness campaign using available media, including television, radio, print, and social media, to inform the public of the availability of SNAP.

As reported by the committee with amendments, Senate Bill No. 2016 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2361 (1R), which was also reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to maintain a SNAP outreach program, consistent with federal requirements, and to conduct additional outreach programs, subject to available funds. As introduced, the bill required the DHS to develop and implement a comprehensive SNAP outreach plan, in consultation and cooperation with community based organizations and county welfare agencies.

The committee amendments provide that the list of outreach plan activities listed in the bill are permissive, rather than mandatory.

The committee amendments revise the provisions of the SNAP Navigator Grant Program to make it an optional outreach plan activity, to eliminate the grant component and the corresponding State appropriation for the grant program, and to provide that the purpose of the program is to recruit, train, and support SNAP application navigators, via a process and method determined by the Commissioner of Human Services. As introduced, the bill provided that purpose of the SNAP Navigator Grant Program was to distribute grant funding to community based organizations to support the employment of SNAP application navigators.

The committee amendments add the following additional potential outreach plan activity under the amended bill: conducting a public awareness campaign using available media, including television, radio, print, and social media, to inform the public of the availability of SNAP.

The committee amendments eliminate the definition of “county welfare agency” from the bill.

The committee amendments revise the provision of the bill directing the commissioner to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of the bill to make the provision permissive, rather than mandatory. The amendments also provide that the commissioner may adopt rules and regulations that will take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law, which rules and regulations will remain in effect for a period not to exceed 18 months, and may, thereafter, be amended, adopted, or readopted in accordance with the provisions of the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

The committee amendments update the bill’s title and synopsis to reflect these changes.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

06/30/2022

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

2944/A-4162 (Sarlo, Ruiz/Freiman, Mosquera, Jaffer, Moriarty, Tully, Swain) - Credits \$5.2 billion to “New Jersey Debt Defeasance and Prevention Fund”; appropriates \$2.9 billion to NJ Schools Development Authority, NJ DOT, and NJT; and establishes process for authorizing future appropriations for debt defeasance and capital projects

S-1929/A-3668 (Gopal, Pennacchio/McKeon, Tully, Conaway) - Makes FY 2022 supplemental appropriation to provide State military impact aid to certain school districts

A-4403/S-2915 (Pintor Marin, Wimberly/Sarlo, Cunningham) - Makes FY 2022 supplemental appropriations of \$71,786,000

ACS for A-1522/S-2914 (Moriarty, Mosquera, Jaffer, Freiman, Lampitt, Greenwald/Madden, Gopal) - Establishes annual sales tax holiday for certain retail sales of computers, school computer supplies, school supplies, school art supplies, school instructional materials and sport or recreational equipment.

A-4401/S-2860 (Jaffer, Moriarty, Tully/Gopal, Pou) - Provides one-year waiver of certain MVC fees imposed for driver’s licenses and non-driver identification cards.

S-2861/A-4400 (Madden, Pou/Mosquera, Swain, Wimberly) - Waives fees for marriage and civil union licenses in Fiscal Year 2023; appropriates \$2 million

S-2523/ACS for A-3852 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Reynolds-Jackson, Freiman, Jaffer, Moriarty, Mosquera, Wimberly) - Provides child tax credit under gross income tax

S-2476wGR/A-4179 (Ruiz, Vitale/Coughlin, Jasey, Sumter, Quijano) - Establishes Thriving By Three Act to award competitive grants for infant and toddler child care programs; appropriates \$28 million

A-2359/S-2034 (Tucker, Moen, Haider/Cruz-Perez, Pou) - Provides for streamlining of SNAP application process and establishes SNAP application call center; appropriates \$750,000

A-2360/S-2035 (Reynolds-Jackson, Mukherji, Speight/Cunningham, Ruiz) - Eliminates requirement that participation in NJ SNAP Employment and Training Program is mandatory for certain recipients

A-2361/S-2016 (Jimenez, Sumter, Timberlake/Zwicker, Ruiz) - Requires DHS to maintain SNAP outreach plan and to conduct additional outreach programs

A-2362/S-2036 (Freiman, Mosquera, Quijano/Johnson, Ruiz) - Requires DHS to submit federal waiver request regarding time limits for certain SNAP recipients under certain circumstances

A-2363/S-2033 (Stanley, Mejia, Lopez/Pou, Ruiz) - Concerns SNAP services provided at county boards of social services and county welfare agencies; appropriates \$250,000

A-2364/S-2017 (Spearman, Pintor Marin, Atkins/Greenstein, Ruiz) - Appropriates \$813,000 to DHS to implement use of electronic benefit transfer cards in Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program

A-2366/SCS for S-2156 (McKnight, Carter, Verrelli/Lagana, Pou) - Establishes State SNAP Minimum Benefit Program; appropriates \$18 million to DHS

A-2008/S-352 (Conaway, Verrelli, Benson/Gopal, Madden) - Requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for treatment of mental health conditions and substance use disorders through collaborative care

S-2872/A-4399 (Scutari, Ruiz/Carter, Reynolds-Jackson, Murphy, Wimberly) - Establishes Behavioral Healthcare Provider Loan Redemption Program within Higher Education Student Assistance Authority; appropriates \$5 million

SCS for S-311/ACS for A-2036 (Vitale, Gopal/Benson, Verrelli, Conaway) - Establishes Statewide behavioral health crisis system of care

SCS for S-722 and 785/ACS for A-998 (Codey, Singleton/Reynolds-Jackson, Stanley, Jaffer) - Codifies and expands ARRIVE Together Pilot Program to make certain mental health services available to police responding to certain emergencies; appropriates \$2 million

S-2909/ACS for A-4374 (Diegnan/Benson, Pintor Marin, McKnight) - Authorizes DOT to compensate contractors and subcontractors affected by supply chain shortages; appropriates \$10 million

A-4405/S-2943 (Benson, Wimberly, Moen/Diegnan) - Concerns New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority; increases Transportation Trust Fund spending limit by \$600 million

A-674/S-1646 (Verrelli, McKnight, McKeon/Ruiz, Pou) - Establishes New Jersey Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program

A-3733/S-488 (Haider, Stanley, Benson/Scutari, Beach) - Authorizes student attending institution of higher education to earn credit towards graduation for serving as poll worker

ACS for A-3990/SCS for S-2593 (Stanley, Tully, Karabinchak/Diegnan, Corrado) - Provides temporary one-year extension of service life of school buses for 2022-2023 school year; authorizes chief administrator to allow one-year extension in subsequent two school years

A-4208/S-2791 (Pintor Marin, Quijano, Speight/Ruiz, Cruz-Perez) - Provides sales and use tax exemption for certain purchases made by all supermarkets and grocery stores located within urban enterprise zones

A2426/S513 (Wimberly, Reynolds-Jackson, Schaer/Cryan, Turner) - Establishes rebuttable presumption of pretrial detention for defendants who commit certain firearm offenses under Graves Act

A-4385/S-2933 (Conaway/Cryan) - Makes various revisions to law pertaining to electronic medical records and recording patients' demographic information

S-2807/A-246 (Stack, Sacco, Cunningham/McKnight, Sampson, Chaparro) - Establishes Liberty State Park Design Task Force

S-2917/A-4395 (Cruz-Perez, Stack/Pintor Marin, Freiman, Reynolds-Jackson) - Expands allowance for developers to carry forward unused tax credits under New Jersey Aspire Program

S-2921/A-4365 (Zwicker, Pou/Coughlin, Verrelli, Spearman) - Revises various provisions of Food Desert Relief Program

S-2945/ACS for A-4392 (Scutari/Pintor Marin, Sumter, Quijano, McKnight) - Concerns economic incentives for certain cannabis businesses

S-2023/A-4402 (Sarlo, Cunningham/Pintor Marin, Wimberly) - LINE ITEM - Appropriates \$50,638,729,000 in State funds and \$24,082,639,850 in federal funds for the State budget for fiscal year 2022-2023

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Governor Murphy signed the following bills today, which were sent to his desk yesterday, conditionally vetoed, and then passed in concurrence with the Governor's recommendations:

S-2476/A-4179 (Ruiz, Vitale/Coughlin, Jasey, Sumter, Quijano) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes Thriving By Three Act to award competitive grants for infant and toddler child care programs; appropriates \$28 million

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A-4403/S-2915 (Pintor Marin, Wimberly/Sarlo, Cunningham) – CONDITIONAL - Makes FY 2022 supplemental appropriations of \$71,786,000

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