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P.L. 2022, CHAPTER 29, *approved June 30, 2022*
Assembly, No. 2362 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning waiver requests for certain eligibility
2 requirements under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
3 Program, and amending P.L.2016, c.11.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 1 of P.L.2016, c.11 (C.44:10-105) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 1. a. ²**Immediately upon the effective date of [this act] P.L. ___,**
11 **c. (C. ___)**(pending before the Legislature as this bill), **provided**
12 **that the federal Public Health Emergency declared by the Secretary**
13 **of Health and Human Services on January 30, 2020 has expired, or**
14 **within 30 days of the expiration of that federal Public Health**
15 **Emergency, the** **The² Commissioner of Human Services shall**
16 **submit to the Food and Nutrition Service within the United States**
17 **Department of Agriculture a request for a waiver, as authorized by**
18 **7 C.F.R. 273.24(f), of the time limit on benefits for able bodied**
19 **adults without dependents who participate in the Supplemental**
20 **Nutrition Assistance Program. The commissioner shall seek either**
21 **a Statewide waiver for time limits on benefits for this population, or**
22 **a waiver for select geographic areas of the State.**

23 b. **[and at]At least once annually ¹[thereafter] after¹ the**
24 **submission of the waiver pursuant to subsection a. of this section,**
25 **the [Commissioner of Human Services] commissioner shall**
26 **conduct a review of available data on labor and employment in the**
27 **State produced by the Department of Labor and Workforce**
28 **Development and the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics]. The**
29 **purpose of the review shall be] in order to determine whether to**
30 **submit a subsequent request for a waiver of the benefit time limit**
31 **for able bodied adults without dependents participating in the**
32 **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program [as authorized by 7**
33 **C.F.R. 273.24(f), either throughout the State or in any geographic**
34 **area of the State]. The review shall consider each criterion of**
35 **eligibility for a waiver as well as the availability of opportunities**
36 **that will fulfill the work requirement described in 7 C.F.R.**
37 **273.24(a). Based on the annual review conducted pursuant to this**
38 **[section] subsection, the commissioner shall [determine whether**
39 **to] submit a request for a waiver ²[, when in compliance with**
40 **federal guidance, either for the entire State, if all geographic areas**
41 **in the State meet the waiver eligibility criteria, or for any**

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 AAN committee amendments adopted February 14, 2022.

²Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted May 19, 2022.

1 geographic areas of the State that meet such eligibility criteria for
2 the maximum number of areas which are eligible for a waiver. The
3 waiver request shall be for all geographic areas which represent
4 thelargest number of individuals eligible for a waiver of the able
5 bodied adults without dependents time limits on the receipt of
6 SNAP benefits. This support shall serve to fulfill the requirements
7 described in 7 U.S.C. s.2015(o)(4)(A)².

8 (cf: P.L.2016, c.11, s.1)

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10 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the second month
11 next following enactment, except the Commissioner of Human
12 Services may take any anticipatory administrative action as shall be
13 necessary for the implementation of this act.

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18 _____
19 Requires DHS to submit federal waiver request regarding time
limits for certain SNAP recipients under certain circumstances.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2362

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 7, 2022

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ROY FREIMAN

District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)

Assemblywoman GABRIELA M. MOSQUERA

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO

District 20 (Union)

SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to submit federal waiver request regarding time limits for certain SNAP recipients under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/14/2022)

A2362 FREIMAN, MOSQUERA

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13 of Health and Human Services on January 30, 2020 has expired, or
14 within 30 days of the expiration of that federal Public Health
15 Emergency, the Commissioner of Human Services shall submit to the
16 Food and Nutrition Service within the United States Department of
17 Agriculture a request for a waiver, as authorized by 7 C.F.R.
18 273.24(f), of the time limit on benefits for able bodied adults without
19 dependents who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
20 Program. The commissioner shall seek either a Statewide waiver for
21 time limits on benefits for this population, or a waiver for select
22 geographic areas of the State.

23 b. **[and at]** At least once annually thereafter the submission of
24 the waiver pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the
25 **[Commissioner of Human Services]** commissioner shall conduct a
26 review of available data on labor and employment in the State
27 produced by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development
28 and the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics]. The purpose of the
29 review shall be] in order to determine whether to submit a subsequent
30 request for a waiver of the benefit time limit for able bodied adults
31 without dependents participating in the Supplemental Nutrition
32 Assistance Program [as authorized by 7 C.F.R. 273.24(f), either
33 throughout the State or in any geographic area of the State]. The
34 review shall consider each criterion of eligibility for a waiver as well
35 as the availability of opportunities that will fulfill the work
36 requirement described in 7 C.F.R. 273.24(a). Based on the annual
37 review conducted pursuant to this [section] subsection, the
38 commissioner shall [determine whether to] submit a request for a
39 waiver, when in compliance with federal guidance, either for the
40 entire State, if all geographic areas in the State meet the waiver
41 eligibility criteria, or for any geographic areas of the State that meet
42 such eligibility criteria.

43 (cf: P.L.2016, c.11, s.1)

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2 next following enactment, except the Commissioner of Human
3 Services may take any anticipatory administrative action as shall be
4 necessary for the implementation of this act.

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7 STATEMENT

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9 This bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to apply
10 for a federal waiver of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
11 Program (SNAP) benefit time limit for able-bodied adults without
12 dependents (ABAWD), either for the entire State or for any
13 geographic areas in the State that meet federal waiver criteria. Under
14 current law, ABAWDs are eligible for SNAP benefits for three
15 months over a three-year period, unless the individual works a
16 minimum of 20 hours per week, participates in a work program for
17 20 hours per week, participates in a workfare program, is pregnant,
18 has a physical or mental disability that prohibits work, has an
19 individual under the age of 18 in the same household, or is exempt
20 from the general work requirements for SNAP.

21 Pursuant to the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act
22 Pub.L. 116-127, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
23 partially suspended the ABAWD benefit time limit, except for an
24 individual who fails to comply with either a work program or
25 workfare program offered by the state in compliance with federal
26 law. This partial suspension of the ABAWD time limit is in effect
27 for the period beginning April 1, 2020 through the end of the month
28 following the month in which the federal COVID Public Health
29 Emergency (PHE) expires. Accordingly, the bill directs the
30 commissioner to submit the waiver application upon the expiration
31 of the PHE, or upon the effective date of the bill, if the PHE has
32 already expired.

33 This bill also clarifies current law by requiring the commissioner
34 to review State labor and employment data annually, and
35 subsequently submit a request for a waiver of the ABAWD benefit
36 time limit, when in compliance with federal guidance, either for the
37 entire State or for any geographic areas in the State that meet federal
38 waiver criteria. Existing statute simply directs the commissioner to
39 review State labor and employment data, provided by the Department
40 of Labor and Workforce Development and the federal Bureau of
41 Labor Statistics, and determine whether to submit a waiver request.

42 Federal criteria for these waivers, established pursuant to 7 U.S.C.
43 s.2015(o)(4) and 7 C.F.R. 273.24(f), specify that the USDA may
44 waive the ABAWD benefit time limit either statewide or in areas of
45 a state that: (1) have an unemployment rate of over 10 percent or (2)
46 do not have a "sufficient number of jobs to provide employment" to
47 the ABAWD population living therein. Federal regulation also
48 specifies the types and sources of employment data that a state may

1 submit in support of a waiver application. The USDA typically
2 approves a state's waiver application for a period of twelve months.
3 According to the USDA, in January 2020, prior to the partial
4 suspension of the ABAWD benefit time limit in response to the
5 COVID public health crisis, two states, the District of Columbia, and
6 the U.S. Virgin Islands operated under statewide ABAWD time limit
7 waivers, while an additional 15 states had ABAWD waivers
8 approved for certain geographic areas within state boundaries. New
9 Jersey was one of 34 states and territories without a waiver for the
10 ABAWD time limit on SNAP benefits prior to the COVID outbreak.

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 2362

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 14, 2022

The Assembly Agriculture and Food Security Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2362.

This bill, as amended, requires the Commissioner of Human Services to apply for a federal waiver of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit time limit for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD), either for the entire State or for any geographic areas in the State that meet federal waiver criteria. Under current law, ABAWDs are eligible for SNAP benefits for three months over a three-year period, unless the individual works a minimum of 20 hours per week, participates in a work program for 20 hours per week, participates in a workfare program, is pregnant, has a physical or mental disability that prohibits work, has an individual under the age of 18 in the same household, or is exempt from the general work requirements for SNAP.

Pursuant to the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act Pub.L.116-127, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) partially suspended the ABAWD benefit time limit, except for an individual who fails to comply with either a work program or workfare program offered by the state in compliance with federal law. This partial suspension of the ABAWD time limit is in effect for the period beginning April 1, 2020 through the end of the month following the month in which the federal COVID Public Health Emergency (PHE) expires. Accordingly, the bill directs the commissioner to submit the waiver application upon the expiration of the PHE, or upon the effective date of the bill, if the PHE has already expired.

This bill, as amended, also clarifies current law by requiring the commissioner to review State labor and employment data annually, and subsequently submit a request for a waiver of the ABAWD benefit time limit, when in compliance with federal guidance, either for the entire State or for any geographic areas in the State that meet federal waiver criteria. Existing statute simply directs the commissioner to review State labor and employment data, provided by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, and determine whether to submit a waiver request.

Federal criteria for these waivers, established pursuant to 7 U.S.C. s.2015(o)(4) and 7 C.F.R. 273.24(f), specify that the USDA may waive the ABAWD benefit time limit either statewide or in areas of a state that: (1) have an unemployment rate of over 10 percent or (2) do not have a “sufficient number of jobs to provide employment” to the ABAWD population living therein. Federal regulation also specifies the types and sources of employment data that a state may submit in support of a waiver application. The USDA typically approves a state’s waiver application for a period of twelve months.

According to the USDA, in January 2020, prior to the partial suspension of the ABAWD benefit time limit in response to the COVID public health crisis, two states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands operated under statewide ABAWD time limit waivers, while an additional 15 states had ABAWD waivers approved for certain geographic areas within state boundaries. New Jersey was one of 34 states and territories without a waiver for the ABAWD time limit on SNAP benefits prior to the COVID outbreak.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments make technical and clarifying corrections to the bill.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2362

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 19, 2022

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably and Assembly Bill No. 2362 (1R) with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill, requires the Commissioner of Human Services to apply for a federal waiver of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit time limit for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD), either for the entire State or for any geographic areas in the State that meet federal waiver criteria. Under current federal law, ABAWDs are eligible for SNAP benefits for three months over a three-year period, unless the individual works a minimum of 20 hours per week, participates in a work program for 20 hours per week, participates in a work program, is pregnant, has a physical or mental disability that prohibits work, has a dependent under the age of 18 living in the same household, or is otherwise exempt from the general work requirements for the SNAP.

This bill, as amended, also clarifies current law by requiring the commissioner to review State labor and employment data annually in order to determine whether to submit a subsequent request for a waiver of the ABAWD benefit time limit. The review conducted by the commissioner is to consider each criterion of waiver eligibility as well as the availability of opportunities that will fulfill the federal work requirement described in federal regulations. Based upon this annual review, the commissioner is to submit a waiver request for the maximum number of geographic areas in the State that are eligible for a waiver. The waiver request is to cover all geographic areas which represent the largest number of individuals eligible for a waiver of the ABAWD time limits on the receipt of SNAP benefits.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments direct the Commissioner of Human Services to seek either a Statewide waiver for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit time limit for able-bodied dependents without children (ABAWDs), or a waiver for select geographic areas of the State.

The committee amendments additionally require the Commissioner of Human Services to submit a request for a waiver of the ABAWD time limit on SNAP benefits for the maximum number of areas in the State that are eligible for such a waiver.

The committee amendments further specify that the waiver request, as submitted by the Commissioner of Human Services, is to be for all geographic areas that represent the largest number of individuals eligible for a waiver of the ABAWD time limits on the receipt of SNAP benefits.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[Second Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2362

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 2022

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2362 (2R).

This bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to apply for a federal waiver of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit time limit for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD), either for the entire State or for any geographic areas in the State that meet federal waiver criteria. Under current federal law, ABAWDs are eligible for SNAP benefits for three months over a three-year period, unless the individual works a minimum of 20 hours per week, participates in a work program for 20 hours per week, participates in a work program, is pregnant, has a physical or mental disability that prohibits work, has a dependent under the age of 18 living in the same household, or is otherwise exempt from the general work requirements for SNAP.

This bill also clarifies current law by requiring the commissioner to review State labor and employment data annually in order to determine whether to submit a subsequent request for a waiver of the ABAWD benefit time limit. The review conducted by the commissioner is to consider each criterion of waiver eligibility as well as the availability of opportunities that will fulfill the federal work requirement described in federal regulations. Based upon this annual review, the commissioner is to submit a waiver request for the maximum number of geographic areas in the State that are eligible for a waiver. The waiver request is to cover all geographic areas which represent the largest number of individuals eligible for a waiver of the ABAWD time limits on the receipt of SNAP benefits.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 2362 (2R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 2036, which was also reported by the committee on this date, with amendments.

SENATE, No. 2036

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 3, 2022

Sponsored by:

Senator GORDON M. JOHNSON

District 37 (Bergen)

Senator M. TERESA RUIZ

District 29 (Essex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Pou

SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to submit federal waiver request regarding time limits for certain SNAP recipients under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/23/2022)

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14 expired, or within 30 days of the expiration of that federal Public
15 Health Emergency, the Commissioner of Human Services shall
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17 Department of Agriculture a request for a waiver, as authorized by
18 7 C.F.R. 273.24(f), of the time limit on benefits for able bodied
19 adults without dependents who participate in the Supplemental
20 Nutrition Assistance Program. The commissioner shall seek either
21 a Statewide waiver for time limits on benefits for this population, or
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23 b. [and at]At least once annually thereafter the submission of
24 the waiver pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the
25 [Commissioner of Human Services] commissioner shall conduct a
26 review of available data on labor and employment in the State
27 produced by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development
28 and the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics[. The purpose of the
29 review shall be] in order to determine whether to submit a
30 subsequent request for a waiver of the benefit time limit for able
31 bodied adults without dependents participating in the Supplemental
32 Nutrition Assistance Program [as authorized by 7 C.F.R. 273.24(f),
33 either throughout the State or in any geographic area of the State].
34 The review shall consider each criterion of eligibility for a waiver
35 as well as the availability of opportunities that will fulfill the work
36 requirement described in 7 C.F.R. 273.24(a). Based on the annual
37 review conducted pursuant to this [section] subsection, the
38 commissioner shall [determine whether to] submit a request for a
39 waiver, when in compliance with federal guidance, either for the
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43 (cf: P.L.2016, c.11, s.1)

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1 Services may take any anticipatory administrative action as shall be
2 necessary for the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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20 Pub.L.116-127, the United States Department of Agriculture
21 (USDA) partially suspended the ABAWD benefit time limit, except
22 for an individual who fails to comply with either a work program or
23 workfare program offered by the state in compliance with federal
24 law. This partial suspension of the ABAWD time limit is in effect
25 for the period beginning April 1, 2020 through the end of the month
26 following the month in which the federal COVID Public Health
27 Emergency (PHE) expires. Accordingly, the bill directs the
28 commissioner to submit the waiver application upon the expiration
29 of the PHE, or upon the effective date of the bill, if the PHE has
30 already expired.

31 This bill also clarifies current law by requiring the commissioner
32 to review State labor and employment data annually, and
33 subsequently submit a request for a waiver of the ABAWD benefit
34 time limit, when in compliance with federal guidance, either for the
35 entire State or for any geographic areas in the State that meet
36 federal waiver criteria. Existing statute simply directs the
37 commissioner to review State labor and employment data, provided
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40 a waiver request.

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43 may waive the ABAWD benefit time limit either statewide or in
44 areas of a state that: (1) have an unemployment rate of over 10
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5 COVID public health crisis, two states, the District of Columbia,
6 and the U.S. Virgin Islands operated under statewide ABAWD time
7 limit waivers, while an additional 15 states had ABAWD waivers
8 approved for certain geographic areas within state boundaries. New
9 Jersey was one of 34 states and territories without a waiver for the
10 ABAWD time limit on SNAP benefits prior to the COVID
11 outbreak.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 2036

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 2022

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2036.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to apply for a federal waiver of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit time limit for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD), either for the entire State or for any geographic areas in the State that meet federal waiver criteria. Under current federal law, ABAWDs are eligible for SNAP benefits for three months over a three-year period, unless the individual works a minimum of 20 hours per week, participates in a work program for 20 hours per week, participates in a work program, is pregnant, has a physical or mental disability that prohibits work, has a dependent under the age of 18 living in the same household, or is otherwise exempt from the general work requirements for SNAP.

The bill, as amended, also clarifies current law by requiring the commissioner to review State labor and employment data annually in order to determine whether to submit a subsequent request for a waiver of the ABAWD benefit time limit. The review conducted by the commissioner is to consider each criterion of waiver eligibility as well as the availability of opportunities that will fulfill the federal work requirement described in federal regulations. Based upon this annual review, the commissioner is to submit a waiver request for the maximum number of geographic areas in the State that are eligible for a waiver. The waiver request is to cover all geographic areas which represent the largest number of individuals eligible for a waiver of the ABAWD time limits on the receipt of SNAP benefits.

As reported by the committee with amendments, Senate Bill No. 2036 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2362 (2R), which was also reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments remove language tying the requirements of the bill to the end of the federal public health emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The committee amendments revise the requirements for the Commissioner of Human Services to submit subsequent waiver requests to clarify that the commissioner is to submit each such waiver request for the maximum number of areas in the State that are eligible for a waiver, and for all geographic areas which represent the largest number of individuals eligible for the waiver.

The committee amendments add language indicating that the support provided under the bill satisfies certain requirements of federal law.

The committee amendments make a technical change involving grammar.

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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