

**Sec.1-4 Temporary & Executed; Sec.5 Appropriation  
LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**

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**LAWS OF:** 2022                      **CHAPTER:** 37

**NJSA:** Sec.1-4 Temporary & Executed; Sec.5 Appropriation  
(Authorizes DOT to compensate certain contractors and subcontractors affected by supply chain shortages; appropriates \$10 million.)

**BILL NO:** S2909                      (Substituted for A4374 (ACS))

**SPONSOR(S)** Patrick J. Diegnan and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 6/20/2022

**COMMITTEE:**                      **ASSEMBLY:** ---  
**SENATE:** Transportation  
Budget and Appropriations

**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** (First Reprint enacted)                      Yes

**S2909**

**INTRODUCED BILL:** (Includes sponsor(s) statement)                      Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY:** No

**SENATE:** Yes

(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](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us))

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** Yes

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

**A4374 (ACS)**

**INTRODUCED BILL:** (Includes sponsor(s) statement)                      Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY:** Yes                      Appropriations  
Budget

**SENATE:** No

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**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

**VETO MESSAGE:** No

**GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:** Yes

**FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:**

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P.L. 2022, CHAPTER 37, *approved June 30, 2022*  
Senate, No. 2909 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning entities under contract with the Department of  
2 Transportation and making an appropriation.

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

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7 <sup>1</sup>[1. a. For the purposes of this act:

8 “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Transportation.

9 “Department” means the Department of Transportation.

10 “Eligible contract” means a construction contract awarded by the  
11 department based upon bids submitted prior to April 1, 2020.

12 “Eligible materials” means materials purchased or invoiced in  
13 connection with an eligible contract after March 1, 2020 that have  
14 realized an increase in the cost of acquisition of such materials in  
15 excess of five percent between March 1, 2020 and the time of  
16 purchase or invoice.

17 b. If the Commissioner of Transportation determines, based  
18 upon the available evidence, including but not limited to an  
19 appropriate nationally recognized economic index published by the  
20 United States Department of Labor, that there has been an increase  
21 in excess of five percent in the cost of acquisition of materials for a  
22 contractor or subcontractor purchasing eligible materials for an  
23 eligible contract, the department may provide compensation to the  
24 contractor or subcontractor performing work on an eligible contract  
25 for the cost difference paid by the contractor or subcontractor for  
26 eligible materials in an amount equal to the increase in the cost of  
27 acquisition of those eligible materials.

28 c. In order to receive compensation pursuant to subsection b. of  
29 this section, a contractor or subcontractor shall apply to the  
30 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner  
31 and subject to any other conditions or requirements imposed by the  
32 commissioner.

33 d. The commissioner may impose any conditions or  
34 requirements for receipt of compensation pursuant to subsection b.  
35 of this section as the commissioner deems appropriate. ]<sup>1</sup>

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37 <sup>1</sup>[2. For the purposes of this act, there is appropriated  
38 \$10,000,000 to the Department of Transportation to compensate  
39 contractors and subcontractors for increases in the cost of

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted June 29, 2022.

1 acquisition of materials for the completion of eligible contracts  
2 awarded by the department.】<sup>1</sup>

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4 <sup>1</sup>1. Findings and declarations.

5 The Legislature finds and declares that:

6 a. The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc on supply  
7 chains across the globe. Supply shortages have stemmed from a  
8 series of supply chain disruptions hitting industries around the  
9 world, from port congestion in Asia and the United States to labor  
10 shortages at factories.

11 b. In the construction sector, construction materials are in short  
12 supply and have seen price spikes, driving up project costs and  
13 affecting companies from contractors to insurers. In 2021, the  
14 construction industry saw steel prices rising 200 percent and lumber  
15 prices rising 288 percent at different points during the year.

16 c. Many small business enterprises (SBEs) have been strongly  
17 impacted by the escalation of the cost of the acquisition of materials  
18 to the point that some have been threatened with their survival as  
19 business enterprises.

20 d. It is in the public interest of the State of New Jersey that  
21 public works projects be administered efficiently and at a  
22 reasonable and equitable cost.

23 e. The unforeseen emergency of the unanticipated escalation in  
24 construction material prices has imposed substantial inequity upon  
25 the SBEs, which have been awarded contracts or are subcontractors  
26 on contracts after public bidding, and the inequities have threatened  
27 the ability of those contractors and subcontractors to fulfill their  
28 obligations under the contracts.

29 f. In these unique and unprecedented circumstances, it is in the  
30 public interest for the Department of Transportation to establish and  
31 administer a grant program, funded from the federal “Coronavirus  
32 State Fiscal Recovery Fund” established pursuant to the federal  
33 “American Rescue Plan Act”, Pub.L.117-2, to promptly and  
34 reasonably assist SBE contractors and subcontractors in meeting  
35 their obligations resulting from increases in the cost of acquisition  
36 of materials regarding eligible contracts awarded by the department.

37 g. Given the time sensitive nature of the circumstances  
38 presented here, the Legislature acknowledges that the department  
39 does not have time to promulgate rules regarding the establishment  
40 and administration of a grant program. In order to expedite the  
41 making of such grants, the department shall establish streamlined  
42 procedures for the application process and post such forms,  
43 conditions, and requirements on the department’s website as soon as  
44 reasonably possible.

45 h. In order to be considered eligible for a grant, a contractor or  
46 subcontractor shall be registered with the State of New Jersey as an  
47 SBE.

1     i. The department shall award grants to qualified SBE  
2 contractors and subcontractors under the grant program on a first  
3 come, first served basis.

4     j. This act does not create a right for subcontractors to submit  
5 direct claims to the department and preserves the department's  
6 immunity from subcontractors' direct claims under the New Jersey  
7 Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.59:13-1 et seq.

8     k. This act is not intended to impact the contractual  
9 relationships and provisions contained within eligible contracts or  
10 other department contracts.

11     l. This act is not intended to allow for so-called equitable  
12 adjustments or for the recovery of force majeure claims regarding  
13 eligible contracts or other department contracts and preserves the  
14 department's rights under eligible contracts or other department  
15 contracts and immunities under the law, including the New Jersey  
16 Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.59:13-1 et seq.

17     m. The grant of funds by the department under this act shall not  
18 create entitlement for a contractor or subcontractor for additional  
19 compensation, including time or money or both from the  
20 department under an eligible contract or other department  
21 contracts.<sup>1</sup>

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23     <sup>1</sup>2. Definitions.

24     For the purposes of this act:

25     "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Transportation.

26     "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

27     "Eligible contract" means a construction contract awarded by the  
28 department based upon bids submitted prior to April 1, 2020.

29     "Eligible materials" means materials purchased or invoiced in  
30 connection with an eligible contract after March 1, 2020 that have  
31 realized an increase in the cost of acquisition of such materials in  
32 excess of five percent between March 1, 2020 and the time of  
33 purchase or invoice.

34     "SBE" means a contractor or subcontractor which is registered  
35 with the State of New Jersey as a small business enterprise.<sup>1</sup>

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37     <sup>1</sup>3. Eligibility for a Grant.

38     a. A contractor or subcontractor shall demonstrate to the  
39 satisfaction of the department that it holds an eligible contract.

40     b. The contractor or subcontractor shall provide documentation  
41 sufficient for the department to determine, based upon the available  
42 documentation, including but not limited to, an appropriate  
43 nationally recognized economic index published by the United  
44 States Department of Labor, that there has been an increase in  
45 excess of five percent in the cost of acquisition of materials for a  
46 contractor or subcontractor purchasing eligible materials for an  
47 eligible contract.

- 1     c. The contractor or subcontractor as applicable shall  
2 demonstrate that it is an SBE.
- 3     d. A contractor or subcontractor shall not be eligible for a grant  
4 if the department determines that there is unacceptable or excessive  
5 material under an eligible contract.
- 6     e. An application by a contractor or subcontractor under the  
7 grant program shall preclude the contractor or subcontractor from  
8 otherwise submitting claims to the department regarding or related  
9 to the same materials under an eligible contract.<sup>1</sup>

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11     <sup>1</sup>4. Grant Program.

- 12     a. The department shall establish a grant program to issue  
13 grants to eligible contractors and subcontractors.
- 14     b. The department shall establish streamlined procedures for  
15 the application process and post such forms, conditions, and  
16 requirements on the department's website as soon as reasonably  
17 possible. The application period shall remain open for 90 days. If  
18 funds appropriated under this act remain, following the initial  
19 application period and eligibility determinations, the department  
20 may open the application period for an additional 30 days.
- 21     c. The grant program shall provide that grant awards shall be  
22 made in the order in which applications are received and approved.
- 23     d. If a contractor or subcontractor is determined to be eligible  
24 pursuant to this act, the department may provide a grant to the  
25 contractor or subcontractor for the cost difference paid by the  
26 contractor or subcontractor for eligible materials in an amount equal  
27 to the increase in the cost of acquisition of those eligible materials.
- 28     e. The commissioner may impose any additional conditions or  
29 requirements for receipt of a grant as the commissioner deems  
30 appropriate.
- 31     f. The New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.59:13-1 et  
32 seq., shall apply to all applications submitted under this act.<sup>1</sup>

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34     <sup>1</sup>5. Appropriation.

35     There is appropriated \$10,000,000 to the Division of Disaster  
36 Recovery and Mitigation in the Department of Community Affairs  
37 from the federal "Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund"  
38 established pursuant to the federal "American Rescue Plan Act",  
39 Pub.L.117-2, which shall be made available to and used by the  
40 Department of Transportation to effectuate the provisions of P.L. ,  
41 c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and of which a  
42 reasonable amount, not to exceed 2.5 percent, may be used by the  
43 department for organizational, administrative, and other work and  
44 services, including salaries, equipment, services, and materials  
45 necessary to administer the activities authorized by this act. The  
46 Department of Transportation shall enter into a memorandum of  
47 understanding or grant agreement, as applicable, with the division  
48 to effectuate the purposes of this subsection, to establish

1 appropriate administrative costs, and to ensure compliance with  
2 federal rules and guidance, including with respect to the “American  
3 Rescue Plan Act,” Pub.L.117-2.<sup>1</sup>

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5 <sup>1</sup>**[3.]** 6.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire  
6 upon the exhaustion of funds appropriated pursuant to section <sup>1</sup>**[2]**  
7 5<sup>1</sup> of this act.

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12 Authorizes DOT to compensate certain contractors and  
13 subcontractors affected by supply chain shortages; appropriates \$10  
14 million.

# SENATE, No. 2909

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 20, 2022

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes DOT to compensate contractors and subcontractors affected by supply chain shortages; appropriates \$10 million.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.





S2909 DIEGNAN

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15 excess of five percent between March 1, 2020 and the time of  
16 purchase or invoice.

17 b. If the Commissioner of Transportation determines, based  
18 upon the available evidence, including but not limited to an  
19 appropriate nationally recognized economic index published by the  
20 United States Department of Labor, that there has been an increase  
21 in excess of five percent in the cost of acquisition of materials for a  
22 contractor or subcontractor purchasing eligible materials for an  
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27 acquisition of those eligible materials.

28 c. In order to receive compensation pursuant to subsection b. of  
29 this section, a contractor or subcontractor shall apply to the  
30 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner  
31 and subject to any other conditions or requirements imposed by the  
32 commissioner.

33 d. The commissioner may impose any conditions or  
34 requirements for receipt of compensation pursuant to subsection b.  
35 of this section as the commissioner deems appropriate.

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37 2. For the purposes of this act, there is appropriated  
38 \$10,000,000 to the Department of Transportation to compensate  
39 contractors and subcontractors for increases in the cost of  
40 acquisition of materials for the completion of eligible contracts  
41 awarded by the department.

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43 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon  
44 the exhaustion of funds appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this  
45 act.

**S2909 DIEGNAN**

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STATEMENT

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3       This bill authorizes the Department of Transportation  
4 (department) to compensate contractors and subcontractors on  
5 construction contracts awarded by the department for increases in  
6 the cost of acquisition of materials since March of 2020. The bill  
7 appropriates \$10 million for this purpose.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2909**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 27, 2022

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2909.

As reported, this bill authorizes the Department of Transportation (department) to compensate contractors and subcontractors on construction contracts awarded by the department for increases in the cost of acquisition of materials since March of 2020. The bill appropriates \$10 million for this purpose.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

**STATEMENT TO**  
**SENATE, No. 2909**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Assemblyman BENSON)

ADOPTED: JUNE 29, 2022

These Assembly floor amendments require the Department of Transportation (“department”) to create a grant program to compensate small business enterprises that are contractors and subcontractors on construction contracts awarded by the department for increases in the cost of acquisition of materials since March of 2020. In order to be eligible for the grant program, a contractor or subcontractor would be required to demonstrate to the department that: (1) it holds an eligible contract with the department; (2) there has been an increase in excess of five percent of the cost of acquiring materials by a contractor or subcontractor purchasing eligible materials for an eligible contract; and (3) the contractor or subcontractor is a small business enterprise.

A contractor or subcontractor would not be eligible for a grant if the department determines there is unacceptable or excessive material under an eligible contract. An application submitted by a contractor or subcontractor would preclude the contractor or subcontractor from otherwise submitting claims to the department regarding or related to the same materials under an eligible contract.

The department would be responsible for establishing streamlined procedures for the application process and post such forms, conditions, and requirements on the department’s website as soon as reasonably possible. Applications for grants would be accepted within a 90 day period but the department would be authorized to open the application period for an additional 30 days if funds appropriated under the bill remain following the initial application period and eligibility determinations. Grant awards will be made in the order in which applications are received and approved. The New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.59:13-1 et seq., would apply to all applications for grant awards submitted under the bill.

A contractor or subcontractor that is determined by the department to be eligible pursuant to the bill may be provided a grant for the cost difference paid by the contractor or subcontractor for eligible materials in an amount equal to the increase in the cost of acquisition of those eligible materials. The Commissioner of Transportation may impose any additional conditions or requirements for receipt of a grant as the commissioner deems appropriate.

As amended, the bill appropriates \$10 million to the Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation (“division”) in the Department of Community Affairs from the federal “Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund” established pursuant to the federal “American Rescue Plan Act”, Pub.L.117-2, which is to be made available to and used by

the department to effectuate the provisions of the bill. A reasonable amount of these funds in an amount not to exceed 2.5 percent may be used by the department for organizational, administrative and other work and services, including salaries, equipment, services, and materials necessary to administer the activities authorized by the bill. The department would be required to enter into a memorandum of understanding or grant agreement, as applicable, with the division to effectuate the purposes of this bill, to establish appropriate administrative costs, and to ensure compliance with federal rules and guidance, including with respect to the “American Rescue Plan Act,” Pub.L.117-2.

As amended, this bill is identical to the Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 4374, as reported by the Assembly Budget Committee on June 27, 2022.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4374

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 20, 2022

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**Assemblywoman ELIANA PINTOR MARIN**

**District 29 (Essex)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Freiman**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/27/2022)

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16 purchase or invoice.

17 b. If the Commissioner of Transportation determines, based  
18 upon the available evidence, including but not limited to an  
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29 this section, a contractor or subcontractor shall apply to the  
30 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner  
31 and subject to any other conditions or requirements imposed by the  
32 commissioner.

33 d. The commissioner may impose any conditions or  
34 requirements for receipt of compensation pursuant to subsection b.  
35 of this section as the commissioner deems appropriate.

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37 2. For the purposes of this act, there is appropriated  
38 \$10,000,000 to the Department of Transportation to compensate  
39 contractors and subcontractors for increases in the cost of  
40 acquisition of materials for the completion of eligible contracts  
41 awarded by the department.

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43 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon  
44 the exhaustion of funds appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this  
45 act.

1 STATEMENT

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3 This bill authorizes the Department of Transportation  
4 (department) to compensate contractors and subcontractors on  
5 construction contracts awarded by the department for increases in  
6 the cost of acquisition of materials since March of 2020. The bill  
7 appropriates \$10 million for this purpose.



ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4374**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 23, 2022

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4374.

This bill authorizes the Department of Transportation (department) to compensate contractors and subcontractors on construction contracts awarded by the department for increases in the cost of acquisition of materials since March of 2020. The bill appropriates \$10 million for this purpose.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

# ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 4374

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 27, 2022

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably a committee substitute for Assembly Bill No. 4374.

The assembly committee substitute authorizes the Department of Transportation (“department”) to create a grant program to compensate small business enterprises that are contractors and subcontractors on construction contracts awarded by the department for increases in the cost of acquisition of materials since March of 2020. In order to be eligible for the grant program, a contractor or subcontractor would be required to demonstrate to the department that:

- it holds an eligible contract with the department;
- there has been an increase in excess of five percent of the cost of acquiring materials by a contractor or subcontractor purchasing eligible materials for an eligible contract; and
- the contractor or subcontractor is a small business enterprise.

A contractor or subcontractor would not be eligible for a grant if the department determines there is unacceptable or excessive material under an eligible contract. An application submitted by a contractor or subcontractor would preclude the contractor or subcontractor from otherwise submitting claims to the department regarding or related to the same materials under an eligible contract.

The department would be responsible for establishing streamlined procedures for the application process and post such forms, conditions, and requirements on the department’s website as soon as reasonably possible. Applications for grants would be accepted within a 90 day period but the department would be authorized to open the application period for an additional 30 days if funds appropriated under the bill remain following the initial application period and eligibility determinations. Grant awards will be made in the order in which applications are received and approved. The New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.59:13-1 et seq., would apply to all applications for grant awards submitted under the bill.

A contractor or subcontractor that is determined by the department to be eligible pursuant to the bill may be provided a grant for the cost difference paid by the contractor or subcontractor for eligible materials in an amount equal to the increase in the cost of acquisition of those eligible materials. The Commissioner of the Department of Transportation may impose any additional conditions or requirements for receipt of a grant as the commissioner deems appropriate.

The bill appropriates \$10 million to the Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation in the Department of Community Affairs from the federal “Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund” established pursuant to the federal “American Rescue Plan Act”, Pub.L.117-2, which is to be made available to and used by the Department of Transportation to effectuate the provisions of the bill. A reasonable amount of these funds in an amount not to exceed 2.5 percent may be used by the department for organizational, administrative and other work and services, including salaries, equipment, services, and materials necessary to administer the activities authorized by the bill. The Department of Transportation would be required to enter into a memorandum of understanding or grant agreement, as applicable, with the division to effectuate the purposes of this bill, to establish appropriate administrative costs, and to ensure compliance with federal rules and guidance, including with respect to the “American Rescue Plan Act,” Pub.L.117-2.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill has not been certified as requiring a fiscal note.

# 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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