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NJSA: 52:27D-287.4 (Concerns rental assistance grants and employment and training services)

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SPONSOR(S) Rice and others

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COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Housing and Local Government; Appropriations
SENATE: Budget and Appropriations

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[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (Senate Committee Substitute for S2067 enacted)

S2067

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT](#): (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes [1-10-2005 \(H & L Gov't\)](#)
[2-7-2005 \(Approp.\)](#)

SENATE: [Yes](#)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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P.L. 2005, CHAPTER 66, *approved April 7, 2005*
Senate Committee Substitute for
Senate, No. 2067

1 AN ACT concerning rental assistance grants and employment and
2 training services, supplementing P.L.2004, c. 140 and making an
3 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. In addition to the amounts allocated pursuant to section 3 of
9 P.L.2004, c.140 (C.52:27D-287.3), there is appropriated from the
10 General Fund \$15,000,000 to fund rental assistance grants authorized
11 by P.L.2004, c.140 (C.52:27D-287.1 et seq.), of which \$4.5 million
12 shall be allocated for the purposes of subsection c. of section 1 of
13 P.L.2004, c.140 (C.52:27D-287.1) and \$10.5 million shall be allocated
14 for the purposes of subsection a. of section 1 of P.L.2004, c.140
15 (C.52:27D-287.1).

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17 2. a. Any individual under the age of 65, who is not disabled and
18 who receives a rental assistance grant provided pursuant to subsection
19 a. of section 1 of P.L.2004, c.140 (C.52:27D-287.1), shall apply for
20 employment and training services and seek the counseling required to
21 obtain the employment and training services pursuant to section 7 of
22 P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-7).

23 b. The counselor shall develop a written Employability
24 Development Plan in a manner consistent with the provisions of
25 section 7 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-7), if the counselor, after
26 conducting the testing, assessment, and evaluation of, disclosures of
27 information to, and discussions with, the individual required pursuant
28 to that section, determines that:

29 (1) The individual is eligible for employment and training services
30 under P.L.1992, c.48 (C.34:15B-35 et seq.), P.L.1992, c.43
31 (C.34:15D-1 et seq.), or P.L.1992, c.47 (C.43:21-57 et seq.);

32 (2) The individual lacks the basic skills or occupational skills
33 needed to obtain employment which provides self-sufficiency; and

34 (3) Funds are available to the individual for any remedial
35 education and vocational training needed to permit the individual to
36 obtain employment providing self-sufficiency and that the education
37 and training are available and accessible to the individual in a time and
38 manner which does not result in a reduction of the individual's family
39 income or substantial additional expenses.

40 c. If the counselor determines that any of the requirements of
41 subsection b. of this section are not met, the counselor shall certify

1 that an Employability Development Plan is not required for continued
2 eligibility for the rental assistance grant. If the requirements are met
3 and an Employability Development Plan is developed pursuant to this
4 section, the individual, to maintain eligibility for the rental assistance
5 grant, shall be required to show satisfactory progress in carrying out
6 the training and educational activities provided under the plan. The
7 Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development shall adopt
8 regulations setting forth standards regarding what constitutes
9 satisfactory progress, including reasonable adjustments in participation
10 requirements for good cause, including verifiable needs related to
11 physical or mental health problems, illness, accident or death or
12 serious personal or family problems that necessitate reduced
13 participation, and shall develop a system for monitoring satisfactory
14 progress and providing, on a timely basis, notification to the
15 Department of Community Affairs of the loss of eligibility of any
16 individual for rental assistance grants due to a failure to make
17 satisfactory progress.

18 d. For the purposes of this section, "employment and training
19 services," "remedial education," "self-sufficiency," and "vocational
20 training" have the meanings set forth in section 3 of P.L.1992, c.43
21 (C.34:15D-3).

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23 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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28 Concerns rental assistance grants and employment and training
29 services and makes an appropriation.

SENATE, No. 2067

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 15, 2004

Sponsored by:

Senator RONALD L. RICE

District 28 (Essex)

Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER

District 15 (Mercer)

SYNOPSIS

Supplemental appropriation \$15,000,000 for rental housing assistance to low and moderate income persons.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 A SUPPLEMENT to "An Act making appropriations for the support of
2 the State Government and the several public purposes for the fiscal
3 year ending June 30, 2005 and regulating the disbursement
4 thereof," approved June 30, 2004 (P.L.2004, c.71).

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

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9 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2004, c.71,
10 there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following sum for
11 the purpose specified:

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13 **22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

14 **40 Community Development and Environmental Management**

15 **41 Community Development Management**

16 **STATE AID**

17	02-8020 Housing Services	\$15,000,000
18	State Aid,	
19	Community Development Management	\$15,000,000

20 **Funding Category:**

21	02 Housing Services	(\$15,000,000)
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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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26 **STATEMENT**

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28 With the enactment of P.L.2004, c.140, the State for the first time
29 established a rental assistance program for low income individuals or
30 households, patterned after the federal section 8 rental housing choice
31 voucher program. The program established would provide rental assistance
32 grants comparable to the federal section 8 program, but available only to
33 State residents who are not currently holders of federal section 8 vouchers.
34 That enactment made \$10 million available for this program.

35 In the relatively short time since the enactment of that program into law,
36 it is clear that the \$10 million that will be made available thereunder will be
37 woefully inadequate to address the serious housing needs of many of this
38 State's low and moderate income individuals and households.

39 It is the purpose of this supplemental appropriation of \$15 million to
40 more appropriately fund this very critically needed housing program.

ASSEMBLY HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, No. 2067

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 10, 2005

The Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee reports favorably Senate committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 2067.

Senate committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 2067 provides an appropriation for the rental assistance program for low income individuals or households established pursuant to P.L.2004, c.140. The new State program is directed to be patterned after the federal section 8 housing choice voucher program and is to offer rental assistance grants in the form of vouchers, but only to State residents who do not currently hold federal section 8 vouchers. The law authorizing the new program, P.L.2004, c.140, directed the Commissioner of Community Affairs annually to allocate, from receipts of the realty transfer fee that are statutorily directed to be credited to the Neighborhood Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund, at least \$10 million to fund the program.

The bill also incorporates a requirement into the program that any non-disabled person under the age of 65 receiving a grant under the new rental assistance program shall apply for employment and training services available from the Department of Labor and seek the counseling required to obtain those services. Persons receiving rental assistance may be excused from the employment and training services requirement if the counsellor determines any of the following:

(1) the individual is not eligible for employment and training services under P.L.1992, c.48 (C.34:15B-35 et seq.), P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-1 et seq.), or P.L.1992, c.47 (C.43:21-57 et seq.);

(2) the individual does not lack the basic skills or occupational skills needed to obtain employment which provides self-sufficiency;

(3) there are no funds available to the individual for any remedial education and vocational training needed to permit the individual to obtain employment providing self-sufficiency; or

(4) there is no education and training available and accessible to the individual in a time and manner which does not result in a reduction of the individual's family income or substantial additional expenses.

It is the committee's understanding that an approved voucher holder will be excused from the training and other services provided by the Department of Labor if the holder currently is employed in more than a part-time capacity or would have significant day care or other expenses that would impact on the holder's ability to attend the training courses or counseling provided by the Department of Labor. In addition, nothing in the bill is intended to affect the eligibility of a person, disabled or otherwise, from the job training program and other services provided by the Department of Labor.

The bill appropriates an additional \$15 million to provide funding for the rental assistance program. Of this amount, \$4.5 million (30%) is allocated for grants to seniors aged 65 or older, and \$10.5 million (70%) is allocated to other eligible persons.

This substitute bill is identical to Assembly No.3677 Aca, which was also released by the committee today.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **SENATE, No. 2067**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 7, 2005

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2067 (SCS).

Senate Bill No. 2067 (SCS) provides an appropriation for the rental assistance program for low income individuals or households established pursuant to P.L.2004, c.140. The new State program is directed to be patterned after the federal section 8 housing choice voucher program and is to offer rental assistance grants in the form of vouchers, but only to State residents who do not currently hold federal section 8 vouchers. The law authorizing the new program, P.L.2004, c.140, directed the Commissioner of Community Affairs annually to allocate, from receipts of the realty transfer fee that are statutorily directed to be credited to the Neighborhood Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund, at least \$10 million to fund the program.

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As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly, No. 3677(1R), as also reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill appropriates from the General Fund to the Department of Community Affairs the sum of \$15 million for support of the State's new rental assistance program; this funding is expected to be in addition to any FY2005 allocation of Neighborhood Preservation Fund financing under the law authorizing the program.

No estimate is available of the cost to the State of providing employment and training services and counseling to persons, not now required to apply for those services, but will be required to so apply pursuant to their receipt of rental assistance.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **SENATE, No. 2067**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 2004

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably a Senate committee substitute for Senate Bill No. 2067.

P.L.2004, c.140 provided for the establishment of a rental assistance program for low income individuals or households, patterned after the federal section 8 rental housing choice voucher program. This new State program is to offer rental assistance grants comparable to those allowed under the federal program, but only to State residents who do not currently hold federal section 8 vouchers. The law authorizing the new program directed the Commissioner of Community Affairs annually to allocate, from receipts of the realty transfer fee that are statutorily directed to be credited to the Neighborhood Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund, at least \$10 million to fund the program.

This substitute bill incorporates a requirement that any non-disabled person under the age of 65 receiving a grant under the new rental assistance program shall apply for employment and training services and seek the counseling required to obtain those services.

The bill appropriates an additional \$15 million to provide funding for the rental assistance program. Of this amount, \$4.5 million (30%) is allocated for grants to seniors aged 65 or older, and \$10.5 million (70%) is allocated to other eligible persons in need of remedial assistance.

FISCAL ESTIMATE

This bill appropriates from the General Fund to the Department of Community Affairs the sum of \$15 million for support of the State's new rental assistance program; this funding is expected to be in addition to any FY2005 allocation of Neighborhood Preservation Fund financing under the law authorizing the program.

No estimate is available of the cost to the State of providing employment and training services and counseling to persons, not now required to apply for those services, who will be required to so apply pursuant to their receipt of rental assistance.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3677

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 10, 2005

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ALBIO SIRES

District 33 (Hudson)

Assemblywoman BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

District 15 (Mercer)

Assemblyman JERRY GREEN

District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)

Co-Sponsored by:

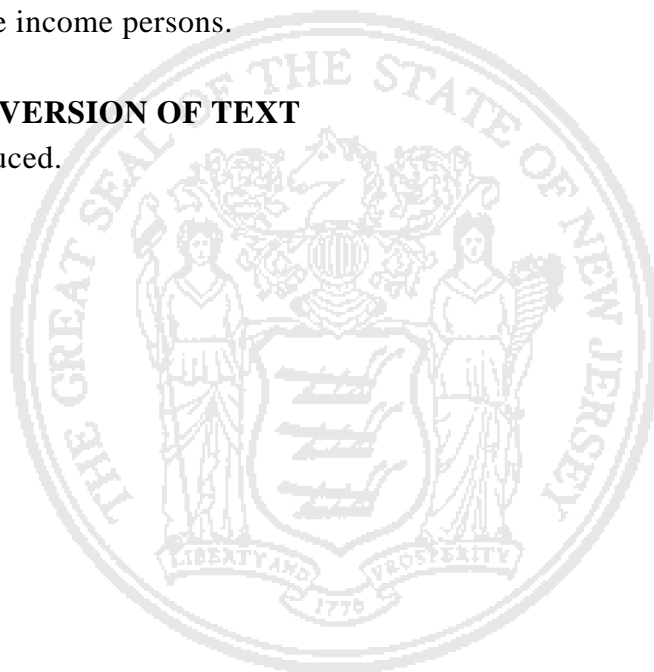
Assemblymen McKeon and Gusciora

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ASSEMBLY HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3677

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 10, 2005

The Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3677.

Assembly Bill No. 3677, as amended by the committee, provides an appropriation for the rental assistance program for low income individuals or households established pursuant to P.L.2004, c.140. The new State program is directed to be patterned after the federal section 8 housing choice voucher program and is to offer rental assistance grants in the form of vouchers, but only to State residents who do not currently hold federal section 8 vouchers. The law authorizing the new program, P.L.2004, c.140, directed the Commissioner of Community Affairs annually to allocate, from receipts of the realty transfer fee that are statutorily directed to be credited to the Neighborhood Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund, at least \$10 million to fund the program.

The bill, as amended by the committee, also incorporates a requirement into the program that any non-disabled person under the age of 65 receiving a grant under the new rental assistance program shall apply for employment and training services available from the Department of Labor and seek the counseling required to obtain those services. Persons receiving rental assistance may be excused from the employment and training services requirement if the counsellor determines any of the following:

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Committee amendments

The committee amended the bill to make it identical to Senate Committee Substitute for Senate, No.2067. The substitute bill added the requirement of employment and job training for eligible rental assistance recipients under a new State program. The amendments also allocate part of the \$15 million appropriation, \$4.5 million, to be used for rental assistance for seniors aged 65 or older.

This bill as amended is identical to Senate, No.2067 SCS, which was also released by the committee today.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3677

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 7, 2005

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3677 (1R).

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