#### 26:2-151

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**LAWS OF**: 2007 **CHAPTER**: 342

NJSA: 26:2-151 (Clarifies independent status of Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission

and increases annual employee surcharge that funds program)

BILL NO: A4618 (Substituted for S2633)

SPONSOR(S) Cryan and Others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** December 6, 2007

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: Budget; Human Services

SENATE:

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: January 7, 2008

**SENATE:** January 7, 2008

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** January 13, 2008

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:** 

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Original version of bill enacted)

A4618

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT**: (Begins on page 3 of original bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes <u>Human Services 12-6-07</u>

Budget 1-3-08

SENATE: No

(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

<u>LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE</u>

Yes

S2633

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT**: (Begins on page 3 of original bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** ASSEMBLY: No

SENATE: Yes Health 11-29-07

Budget 12-10-07

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

<u>LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE</u>: <u>Yes</u>

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**VETO MESSAGE:** 

## P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 342, *approved January 13*, *2008*Assembly, No. 4618

**AN ACT** concerning the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief 2 Fund and amending P.L.1987, c.370.

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

- 1. Section 4 of P.L.1987, c.370 (C.26:2-151) is amended to read as follows:
- 4. There is established in [, but not of, the State Department of Human Services 1 the Executive Branch of the State government, the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission. For the purposes of complying with the provisions of Article V, section IV, paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution, the commission is allocated within the Department of Human Services, but notwithstanding that allocation, the commission shall be independent of any supervision or control by the department or by any board or officer thereof.

The commission shall consist of the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, the Commissioner of Human Services, the Commissioner of Children and Families, the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, and the State Treasurer, who shall be members ex officio, and seven public members who are residents of this State, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms of five years, two of whom are appointed upon the recommendation of the President of the Senate, one of whom is a provider of health care services to children in this State and two of whom are appointed upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly, one of whom is a provider of health care services to children in this State. The five public members first appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of one, two, three, four and five years, respectively.

Each member shall hold office for the term of his appointment and until his successor has been appointed and qualified. A member of the commission is eligible for reappointment.

Each ex officio member of the commission may designate an officer or employee of his department to represent him at meetings of the commission, and each designee may lawfully vote and otherwise act on behalf of the member for whom he constitutes the designee. Any designation shall be in writing delivered to the commission and filed with the office of the Secretary of State and shall continue in effect until revoked or amended in the same manner as provided for designation.

43 (cf: P.L.2006, c.47, s.105)

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

- 2. Section 10 of P.L.1987, c.370 (C.26:2-157) is amended to read as follows:
- 10. For the purpose of providing the moneys necessary to establish and meet the purposes of the fund, the commission shall establish a [\$1.00] \$1.50 annual surcharge per employee for all employers who are subject to the New Jersey "Unemployment Compensation Law," R.S. 43:21-1 et seq. The surcharge shall be collected by the controller for the New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Fund and paid over to the State Treasurer for deposit in the fund annually as provided by the commission.

11 (cf: P.L.1987, c.370, s.10)

3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all assessments made on or after January 1, 2008.

#### **STATEMENT**

This bill clarifies the independent status of the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission by specifying that, for the purposes of complying with the provisions of Article V, section IV, paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution, the commission is allocated within the Department of Human Services, but notwithstanding that allocation, the commission shall be independent of any supervision or control by the department or by any board or officer thereof. The law establishing the commission currently provides that the commission is "in, but not of," the Department of Human Services.

The bill also increases the amount of the annual employee surcharge, which is the revenue source for the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund, from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per employee per year. The \$1.00 annual surcharge was established in 1987. Since it was established, there has been a steady increase in the use of the fund due to active public outreach efforts, and without a modest increase in the amount of the surcharge, the fund could be depleted in the near future and the payments the fund makes to eligible families will have to be reduced.

The bill takes effect immediately, applies to all assessments made by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development on or after January 1, 2008.

Clarifies independent status of Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission and increases annual employee surcharge that funds program.

## ASSEMBLY, No. 4618

## **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

## 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 6, 2007

Sponsored by: Assemblyman JOSEPH CRYAN District 20 (Union) Assemblyman NEIL M. COHEN District 20 (Union)

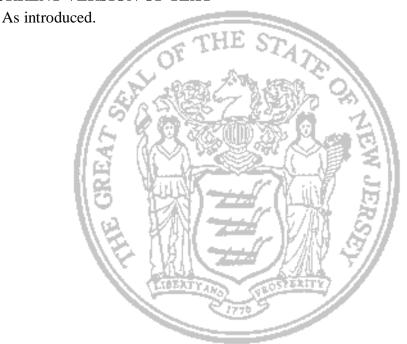
**Co-Sponsored by:** 

Assemblyman Conaway, Senators Vitale and Rice

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Clarifies independent status of Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission and increases annual employee surcharge that funds program.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/8/2008)

**AN ACT** concerning the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief 2 Fund and amending P.L.1987, c.370.

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any board or officer thereof.

- 1. Section 4 of P.L.1987, c.370 (C.26:2-151) is amended to read as follows:
- 4. There is established in [, but not of, the State Department of Human Services the Executive Branch of the State government, the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission. For the purposes of complying with the provisions of Article V, section IV, paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution, the commission is allocated within the Department of Human Services, but notwithstanding that allocation, the commission shall be independent of any supervision or control by the department or by

The commission shall consist of the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, the Commissioner of Human Services, the Commissioner of Children and Families, the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, and the State Treasurer, who shall be members ex officio, and seven public members who are residents of this State, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms of five years, two of whom are appointed upon the recommendation of the President of the Senate, one of whom is a provider of health care services to children in this State and two of whom are appointed upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the General Assembly, one of whom is a provider of health care services to children in this State. The five public members first appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of one, two, three, four and five years, respectively.

Each member shall hold office for the term of his appointment and until his successor has been appointed and qualified. A member of the commission is eligible for reappointment.

Each ex officio member of the commission may designate an officer or employee of his department to represent him at meetings of the commission, and each designee may lawfully vote and otherwise act on behalf of the member for whom he constitutes the designee. Any designation shall be in writing delivered to the commission and filed with the office of the Secretary of State and shall continue in effect until revoked or amended in the same manner as provided for designation.

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#### A4618 CRYAN, COHEN

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3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all assessments made on or after January 1, 2008.

#### **STATEMENT**

This bill clarifies the independent status of the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission by specifying that, for the purposes of complying with the provisions of Article V, section IV, paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution, the commission is allocated within the Department of Human Services, but notwithstanding that allocation, the commission shall be independent of any supervision or control by the department or by any board or officer thereof. The law establishing the commission currently provides that the commission is "in, but not of," the Department of Human Services.

The bill also increases the amount of the annual employee surcharge, which is the revenue source for the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund, from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per employee per year. The \$1.00 annual surcharge was established in 1987. Since it was established, there has been a steady increase in the use of the fund due to active public outreach efforts, and without a modest increase in the amount of the surcharge, the fund could be depleted in the near future and the payments the fund makes to eligible families will have to be reduced.

The bill takes effect immediately, applies to all assessments made by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development on or after January 1, 2008.

#### ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

#### ASSEMBLY, No. 4618

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 6, 2007

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4618.

This bill clarifies the independent status of the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission by specifying that, for the purposes of complying with the provisions of Article V, section IV, paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution, the commission is allocated within the Department of Human Services, but notwithstanding that allocation, the commission shall be independent of any supervision or control by the department or by any board or officer thereof. The law establishing the commission currently provides that the commission is "in, but not of," the Department of Human Services.

The bill also increases the amount of the annual employee surcharge, which is the revenue source for the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund, from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per employee per year. The \$1.00 annual surcharge was established in 1987. Since it was established, there has been a steady increase in the use of the fund due to active public outreach efforts, and without a modest increase in the amount of the surcharge, the fund could be depleted in the near future and the payments the fund makes to eligible families will have to be reduced.

The bill takes effect immediately and applies to all assessments made by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development on or after January 1, 2008.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2633 (1R) (Vitale/Rice) which is pending in the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

#### ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

#### ASSEMBLY, No. 4618

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 3, 2008

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4618.

Assembly Bill No. 4618 clarifies the independent status of the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission by specifying that, for the purposes of complying with the provisions of Article V, section IV, paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution, the commission is allocated within the Department of Human Services, but notwithstanding that allocation, the commission shall be independent of any supervision or control by the department or by any board or officer thereof. The law establishing the commission currently provides that the commission is "in, but not of," the Department of Human Services.

The bill also increases the amount of the annual employee surcharge, which is the revenue source for the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund, from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per employee per year. The \$1.00 annual surcharge was established in 1987. Since it was established, there has been a steady increase in the use of the fund due to active public outreach efforts, and without a modest increase in the amount of the surcharge, the fund could be depleted in the near future and the payments the fund makes to eligible families will have to be reduced.

The bill takes effect immediately and applies to all assessments made by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development on or after January 1, 2008.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**:

The Office of Legislative Services notes that the Governor's FY 2008 recommended budget and the FY 2008 appropriations act assumed that the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund would realize over \$6.8 million in revenues from the \$1.00 per employee per year assessment. Thus, a \$0.50 increase in the annual assessment, effective January 1, 2008, should generate about \$3.4 million in additional revenue each year.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4618 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 10, 2008

#### **SUMMARY**

Synopsis: Clarifies independent status of the Catastrophic Illness in Children

Relief Fund Commission and increases annual employee surcharge

that funds program.

**Type of Impact:** Revenues to the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund would

increase with a probable increase in program expenditures.

**Agencies Affected:** Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund.

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Years 1-3</u>
Commission Revenue	\$3,400,000 - per year

• The Governor's FY 2008 recommended budget and the FY 2008 appropriations act assumed that the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund would realize over \$6.8 million in revenues from the \$1.00 per employee per year assessment. Thus, a \$0.50 increase in the annual assessment, effective January 1, 2008, should generate about \$3.4 million in additional revenue each year.

#### **BILL DESCRIPTION**

Assembly Bill No. 4618 of 2007 clarifies the independent status of the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission. Though the commission is allocated to the Department of Human Services, the commission shall be independent of any supervision or control by the department or by any board or officer thereof.

Assembly Bill No. 4618 also increases the amount of the annual employee surcharge which funds the commission's operations from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per employee per year, effective January 1, 2008.



#### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

None received.

#### OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Governor's FY 2008 recommended budget and the FY 2008 appropriations act assumed that the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund would realize over \$6.8 million in revenues from the \$1.00 per employee per year assessment. Thus, a \$0.50 increase in the annual assessment, effective January 1, 2008, should generate about \$3.4 million in additional revenue each year.

Section: Human Services

Analyst: Jay A. Hershberg

Principal Fiscal Analyst

Approved: David J. Rosen

Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67. (C.52:13B-1 et seq.).

## SENATE, No. 2633

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 10, 2007

Sponsored by: Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE District 19 (Middlesex) Senator RONALD L. RICE District 28 (Essex)

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Transfers Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission from DHS to DCF and increases annual employee surcharge that funds program.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief 2 Fund and amending P.L.1987, c.370.

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

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- 1. Section 4 of P.L.1987, c.370 (C.26:2-151) is amended to read as follows:
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Each member shall hold office for the term of his appointment and until his successor has been appointed and qualified. member of the commission is eligible for reappointment.

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1	collected by the controller for the New Jersey Unemployment		
2	Compensation Fund and paid over to the State Treasurer for deposit		
3	in the fund annually as provided by the commission.		
4	(cf: P.L.1987, c.370, s.10)		
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6	3. The provisions of section 1 of this act shall be subject to the		
7	"State Agency Transfer Act," P.L.1971, c.375 (C.52:14D-1 et seq.).		
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9	4. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2008.		
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12	STATEMENT		
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14	This bill transfers the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief		
15	Fund Commission from "in, but not of," the Department of Human		
16	Services to "in, but not of," the Department of Children and		
17	Families.		
18	The mission of the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund		
19	Commission, to provide assistance to families whose children have		
20	experienced an illness or condition not fully covered by insurance		
21	or other public assistance programs, best complements the purposes		
22	of the recently created Department of Children and Families, which		

was established with the goal of ensuring safety, permanency and well-being for all children in the State. Transfer of the commission to the new department will enhance the purposes and missions of both entities.

The bill also increases the amount of the annual employee surcharge, which is the revenue source for the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund, from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per employee per year. The \$1.00 annual surcharge was established in 1987. Since it was established, there has been a steady increase in the use of the fund due to active public outreach efforts, and without a modest increase in the amount of the surcharge, the fund could be depleted in the near future and the payments the fund makes to eligible families will have to be reduced.

The bill takes effect on January 1, 2008.

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### SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2633** 

with committee amendments

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 29, 2007

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with amendments Senate Bill No. 2633.

As amended by committee, this bill clarifies the independent status of the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission by specifying that, for the purposes of complying with the provisions of Article V, section IV, paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution, the commission is allocated within the Department of Human Services, but notwithstanding that allocation, the commission shall be independent of any supervision or control by the department or by any board or officer thereof. The law establishing the commission currently provides that the commission is "in, but not of," the Department of Human Services.

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The bill takes effect immediately and applies to all assessments made by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development on or after January 1, 2008.

The committee amended the bill to:

-- retain the current allocation of the commission in the Department of Human Services, rather than transfer the commission to the Department of Children and Families, and to further specify that the commission is independent of any supervision or control by the department or by any board or officer thereof; and

-- change the effective date from January 1, 2008 to immediately upon enactment and specify that the bill applies to all assessments made on or after January 1, 2008.

#### SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

#### STATEMENT TO

## [First Reprint] **SENATE, No. 2633**

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 2007

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2633 (1R).

Senate Bill No. 2633 (1R) clarifies the independent status of the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission by specifying that, for the purposes of complying with the provisions of Article V, section IV, paragraph 1 of the New Jersey Constitution, the commission is allocated within the Department of Human Services, but notwithstanding that allocation, the commission shall be independent of any supervision or control by the department or by any board or officer thereof. The law establishing the commission currently provides that the commission is "in, but not of," the Department of Human Services.

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The bill takes effect immediately and applies to all assessments made by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development on or after January 1, 2008.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that the Governor's FY 2008 recommended budget and the FY 2008 appropriations act assumed that the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund would realize over \$6.8 million in revenues from the \$1.00 per employee per year assessment. Thus, a \$0.50 increase in the annual assessment, effective January 1, 2008, should generate about \$3.4 million in additional revenue each year.

#### LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

## SENATE, No. 2633 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2007

#### **SUMMARY**

Synopsis: Clarifies independent status of the Catastrophic Illness in Children

Relief Fund Commission and increases annual employee surcharge

that funds program.

Type of Impact: Revenues to the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund would

increase with a probable increase in program expenditures.

**Agencies Affected:** Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund.

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Years 1-3	
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#### **BILL DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill No. 2633 (1R) of 2007 clarifies the independent status of the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission. Though the commission is allocated to the Department of Human Services, the commission shall be independent of any supervision or control by the department or by any board or officer thereof.

Senate Bill No. 2633 (1R) also increases the amount of the annual employee surcharge which funds the commission's operations from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per employee per year, effective January 1, 2008.



#### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### **EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

None received.

#### OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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Section: Human Services

Analyst: Jay A. Hershberg

Principal Fiscal Analyst

Approved: David J. Rosen

Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

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

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L. 1980, c.67. (C.52:13B-1 et seq.).