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**LAWS OF: 2021 CHAPTER: 289** 

NJSA: 34:15D-21 (Commits \$3 million from Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skill to NJ Community

College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development.)

BILL NO: A3027 (Substituted for S793)

SPONSOR(S) Lampitt, Pamela R. and others

**DATE INTRODUCED: 2/20/2020** 

**COMMITTEE:** ASSEMBLY: Appropriations

SENATE: ---

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: 6/24/2021

**SENATE**: 6/30/2021

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** 11/8/2021

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Introduced bill enacted)

Yes

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INTRODUCED BILL (INCLUDES SPONSOR'S STATEMENT): Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes Appropriations

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

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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INTRODUCED BILL (INCLUDES SPONSOR'S STATEMENT): Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: No.

**SENATE:** Yes Labor

No

**Budget & Appropriations** 

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:

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## P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 289, approved November 8, 2021 Assembly, No. 3027

1 AN ACT concerning funds for the New Jersey Community College 2 Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development and 3 amending P.L.2001, c.152.

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

- 1. Section 1 of P.L.2001, c.152 (C.34:15D-21) is amended to read as follows:
- 1. a. A restricted, nonlapsing, revolving "Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skills," to be managed and invested by the State Treasurer, is hereby established in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to provide basic skills training. All moneys appropriated to the fund, all interest accumulated on balances in the fund and all cash received for the fund from any other source shall be allocated by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development as follows:
  - (1) 24% shall be deposited in an account reserved to support basic skills training delivered by the State's One Stop Career Centers to qualified displaced, disadvantaged and employed workers pursuant to Employability Development Plans developed pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-7);
  - (2) 28% shall be deposited in an account reserved for Workforce Investment Boards to provide grants for basic skills training for qualified displaced, disadvantaged and employed workers pursuant to Employability Development Plans developed pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-7) and for other individuals with learning disabilities or otherwise in need of vocational rehabilitation services;
  - (3) 25% shall be deposited in an account reserved for grants to consortia including one or more of any of the following: eligible individual employers, employer organizations, labor organizations, community-based organizations or educational institutions to provide basic skills training to qualified displaced, disadvantaged or employed workers or to other individuals seeking to enter apprenticeship training;
  - (4) 13%, but not less than \$3 million, shall be deposited in an account reserved for a grant to the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development, a part of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, to provide basic skills training to qualified displaced, disadvantaged or employed workers.
- 42 The New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce

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

1 and Economic Development may request additional funds, beyond 2 the amount provided for in this paragraph, from the Commissioner 3 of Labor and Workforce Development, which funds shall be 4 provided in connection with paragraph (3) of this subsection, at the 5 discretion of the commissioner and without any special preference 6 over any other applicant seeking funds in connection with 7 paragraph (3) of this subsection, for the purpose of providing basic 8 skills training to qualified displaced, disadvantaged or employed 9 Any request for those additional funds shall only be 10 authorized after a determination by the commissioner that the funds 11 provided in connection with this paragraph have been encumbered 12 and that there is a demand for additional funds to provide basic 13 skills training If the 13% is less than \$3 million, an additional 14 amount shall be deposited into this account either from the 87% 15 deposited pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (5) of this 16 subsection or from other funds as determined by the commissioner 17 until this account equals \$3 million; and 18

(5) 10% shall be deposited in an account to be used, at the discretion of the commissioner, for any of the purposes indicated in this subsection a. and any administrative costs incurred by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development in connection with the fund.

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23 b. Any grant provided in connection with paragraph (3) of 24 subsection a. of this section directly to an employer or to an 25 employer through a consortium shall be regarded as a customized 26 training grant and shall be administered by the Office of 27 Customized Training and the employer and consortium shall comply with all requirements of section 5 of P.L.1992, c.43 28 29 (C.34:15D-5), except that any grants provided directly or indirectly to an employer for use in connection with any program which 30 31 includes apprenticeship training or activities or preparation for 32 entry into apprenticeship training shall be exempt from the 33 requirement of this subsection b. to be administered by the Office of 34 Customized Training and be subject to the requirements of section 5 35 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-5), if it is approved by the Apprenticeship Policy Committee, as defined in section 3 of 36 37 P.L.1993, c.268 (C.34:15E-3), and the employer complies with the 38 provisions of subsection e. of section 5 of P.L.1993, c.268 39 (C.34:15E-5). Any grant provided in connection with paragraph (2) 40 of subsection a. of this section directly to an individual shall be 41 regarded as an individual training grant and shall be subject to the 42 requirements of subsections a., c. and d. of section 6 of P.L.1992, 43 c.43 (C.34:15D-6).

Also, any funds provided in connection with paragraph (4) of subsection a. of this section shall be provided to the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development by the Office of Customized Training, and shall comply with the following requirements: (1) The New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development shall work with all the community colleges throughout the State of New Jersey to deliver basic skills training in the most effective and efficient manner possible at any of their 63 campuses or at any appropriate business facility;

- (2) There shall be no charge to the employer sending employees to the training, but the employer shall pay employees regular wages for the hours the training takes place, except that any waiver of this requirement to pay employees regular wages, for the hours of training, authorized by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, may, at the discretion of the commissioner, be offered to the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development on the same basis as any other grant recipient;
- (3) The employers sending their employees to this training shall not be asked to provide any paperwork or complete any financial disclosure forms, including a tax clearance certificate as provided in section 1 of P.L.2007, c.101 (C.54:50-39), except that employers shall provide the employees participating in the training with the information that the employees need to comply with paragraph (4) of this subsection, and shall provide the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development with the information the employer has regarding its participating employees that the consortium needs to produce the annual report required pursuant to paragraph (7) of this subsection;
- (4) The employees being trained shall provide the Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) of their employer and the employer's contact information at the beginning of the training;
- (5) The mean class size for training under this subsection shall be 10, but the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development may aggregate employees from multiple employers in a single training to reach that mean of 10;
- (6) The training provided under this subsection shall be basic skills training, but the apportionment of classes in the different areas of basic skills as defined by subsection h. of this section may be determined by the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development in consultation with representatives of the business community;
- (7) The New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development shall file an annual report by September 1 of each year with the New Jersey Legislature and the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development containing the total number of workers trained, the total funds expended on training, the number of workers trained in each area of basic skills training, the number of businesses with employees trained, the number of classes held in each area of basic skills

training, the number of classes held at each community college, the wage ranges of the workers trained, the job titles of the workers trained and the results of the pre-training and post-training assessments. The report shall also include an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the training program and how it can be improved in the following year. The report shall supplant all requirements for any other reporting that the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development may be asked to complete with respect to the funds it receives through paragraph (4) of subsection a. of this section; and

- (8) The New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development shall work with the business community to promote this program to businesses across the State, including chambers of commerce and Statewide associations, such as the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, and shall seek out, and work with, State, regional, and county organizations that are dedicated to the economic empowerment of segments of society by race, ethnicity, gender, age, religion, disability, or sexual orientation, including, but not limited to the African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey and the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey, and any other appropriate business organizations.
- c. Any employment and training services funded by the Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skills shall be provided in a manner which complies with the provisions of subsections b., c., f., g., h. and i. of section 4 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-4), to the extent that those subsections pertain to remedial education. Any service provider receiving moneys from the Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skills shall be subject to the provisions of section 8 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-8) and section 8 of P.L.1992, c.44 (C.34:15D-19).
- d. All staff located at any One Stop Career Center supported by funds provided from the Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skills shall be hired and employed by the State pursuant to Title 11A, Civil Service, of the New Jersey Statutes.
- e. Beginning July 1, 2002, and for any subsequent fiscal year, if the unexpended cash balance in any of the accounts indicated in subsection a. of this section, less any amount awarded in grants but not yet disbursed from the account, is determined to exceed 20% of the amount of contributions collected for deposit in the account pursuant to this subsection during the fiscal year then ended, the excess shall be regarded as an unemployment compensation contribution and deposited into the unemployment compensation fund within seven business days of the date that the determination is made.
- f. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development shall establish standards of performance for providers of basic skills training pursuant to this act. The standards shall include, but not be

limited to, standards for the curriculum or training to be furnished, qualifications for persons who will provide the training under the act, and standards for establishing what constitutes successful completion of the training program. The commissioner shall establish means of determining the ability of enrollees to gain or maintain employment following the successful completion of a training program established pursuant to this section. In the event that the commissioner determines that a provider has not conducted its training program in accordance with the standards of performance, he may take that action necessary to correct the deficiencies of the provider, or terminate the contract with the provider of basic skills services if the provider fails to respond to remedial action.

g. The State Employment and Training Commission shall review and evaluate the operations of programs supported by the Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skills established pursuant to this section, with special consideration to how those programs assist in the implementation of the goals of the Strategic Five-Year State Plan for New Jersey's Workforce Investment System, and shall consult with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development regarding its findings.

h. For the purpose of this section:

"Basic skills training" means basic mathematics, reading comprehension, basic computer literacy <u>including new technology topics</u>, English proficiency and work-readiness skills <u>including topics for entry level managers</u> and shall be regarded as a form of "remedial education" for the purposes of section 3 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-3);

"One Stop Career Center" means one of the centers established in local areas to coordinate a variety of State and local programs providing employment and training services, including job placement services, or any other similar State or local governmentsponsored center providing employment and training services as may be developed at any later time; and

"Qualified disadvantaged worker," "qualified displaced worker," "qualified employed worker," and "employment and training services" have the meanings given to them by section 3 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-3).

(cf: P.L.2017, c.52)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

## STATEMENT

 This bill provides for a minimum allocation of \$3 million from the Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skills (SWFBS) to an account in that fund dedicated to the New Jersey Community

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College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development.
Currently, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.152 (C.34:15D-21) requires that
Is percent of all moneys appropriated to the fund, accumulated interested, and cash from other sources be allocated to the account for the consortium, but that 13 percent allocation has resulted in less than \$3 million being available to the consortium.

Under the bill, if the 13 percent allocation is insufficient to raise \$3 million for the consortium, an additional amount would be deposited into the account for the consortium such that the total available amount would be \$3 million. That additional amount would be transferred to the consortium account from the four accounts of the SWFBS for which 87 percent of moneys in the SWFBS are otherwise allocated for the use of: (1) basic skills training provided at one stop careers centers; (2) basic skills grants to individuals; (3) grants to other consortia providing basic skills training; and (4) expenses related to the administration of the fund as well as any other basic skills training and grant costs at the discretion of the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development.

This bill also expands the definition of basic skills within the context of the SWFBS to include new technology topics and topics for entry level managers.

Commits \$3 million from Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skill to NJ Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development.

## ASSEMBLY, No. 3027

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 20, 2020

**Sponsored by:** 

Assemblywoman PAMELA R. LAMPITT

**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)** 

Assemblywoman MILA M. JASEY

**District 27 (Essex and Morris)** 

Assemblyman ERIC HOUGHTALING

**District 11 (Monmouth)** 

Senator SANDRA B. CUNNINGHAM

**District 31 (Hudson)** 

**Senator TROY SINGLETON** 

**District 7 (Burlington)** 

## Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Quijano, Assemblyman Wimberly, Senators Turner and Pou

## **SYNOPSIS**

Commits \$3 million from Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skill to NJ Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development.

## **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2021)

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  - (1) 24% shall be deposited in an account reserved to support basic skills training delivered by the State's One Stop Career Centers to qualified displaced, disadvantaged and employed workers pursuant to Employability Development Plans developed pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-7);
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  - (3) 25% shall be deposited in an account reserved for grants to consortia including one or more of any of the following: eligible individual employers, employer organizations, labor organizations, community-based organizations or educational institutions to provide basic skills training to qualified displaced, disadvantaged or employed workers or to other individuals seeking to enter apprenticeship training;
  - (4) 13%, but not less than \$3 million, shall be deposited in an account reserved for a grant to the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development, a part of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, to provide basic skills training to qualified displaced, disadvantaged or employed workers.
- The New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development may request additional funds, beyond the amount provided for in this paragraph, from the Commissioner
- 45 of Labor and Workforce Development, which funds shall be

1 provided in connection with paragraph (3) of this subsection, at the 2 discretion of the commissioner and without any special preference 3 over any other applicant seeking funds in connection with 4 paragraph (3) of this subsection, for the purpose of providing basic 5 skills training to qualified displaced, disadvantaged or employed 6 workers. Any request for those additional funds shall only be 7 authorized after a determination by the commissioner that the funds 8 provided in connection with this paragraph have been encumbered 9 and that there is a demand for additional funds to provide basic 10 skills training I If the 13% is less than \$3 million, an additional amount shall be deposited into this account either from the 87% 11 12 deposited pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (5) of this 13 subsection or from other funds as determined by the commissioner 14 until this account equals \$3 million; and

(5) 10% shall be deposited in an account to be used, at the discretion of the commissioner, for any of the purposes indicated in this subsection a. and any administrative costs incurred by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development in connection with the fund.

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- 20 Any grant provided in connection with paragraph (3) of 21 subsection a. of this section directly to an employer or to an employer through a consortium shall be regarded as a customized 22 23 training grant and shall be administered by the Office of 24 Customized Training and the employer and consortium shall 25 comply with all requirements of section 5 of P.L.1992, c.43 26 (C.34:15D-5), except that any grants provided directly or indirectly 27 to an employer for use in connection with any program which 28 includes apprenticeship training or activities or preparation for 29 entry into apprenticeship training shall be exempt from the 30 requirement of this subsection b. to be administered by the Office of 31 Customized Training and be subject to the requirements of section 5 32 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-5), if it is approved by the 33 Apprenticeship Policy Committee, as defined in section 3 of 34 P.L.1993, c.268 (C.34:15E-3), and the employer complies with the 35 provisions of subsection e. of section 5 of P.L.1993, c.268 (C.34:15E-5). Any grant provided in connection with paragraph (2) 36 37 of subsection a. of this section directly to an individual shall be 38 regarded as an individual training grant and shall be subject to the 39 requirements of subsections a., c. and d. of section 6 of P.L.1992, 40 c.43 (C.34:15D-6).
  - Also, any funds provided in connection with paragraph (4) of subsection a. of this section shall be provided to the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development by the Office of Customized Training, and shall comply with the following requirements:
- 46 (1) The New Jersey Community College Consortium for 47 Workforce and Economic Development shall work with all the 48 community colleges throughout the State of New Jersey to deliver

basic skills training in the most effective and efficient manner
 possible at any of their 63 campuses or at any appropriate business
 facility;

- (2) There shall be no charge to the employer sending employees to the training, but the employer shall pay employees regular wages for the hours the training takes place, except that any waiver of this requirement to pay employees regular wages, for the hours of training, authorized by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, may, at the discretion of the commissioner, be offered to the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development on the same basis as any other grant recipient;
- (3) The employers sending their employees to this training shall not be asked to provide any paperwork or complete any financial disclosure forms, including a tax clearance certificate as provided in section 1 of P.L.2007, c.101 (C.54:50-39), except that employers shall provide the employees participating in the training with the information that the employees need to comply with paragraph (4) of this subsection, and shall provide the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development with the information the employer has regarding its participating employees that the consortium needs to produce the annual report required pursuant to paragraph (7) of this subsection;
- (4) The employees being trained shall provide the Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) of their employer and the employer's contact information at the beginning of the training;
- (5) The mean class size for training under this subsection shall be 10, but the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development may aggregate employees from multiple employers in a single training to reach that mean of 10;
- (6) The training provided under this subsection shall be basic skills training, but the apportionment of classes in the different areas of basic skills as defined by subsection h. of this section may be determined by the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development in consultation with representatives of the business community;
- (7) The New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development shall file an annual report by September 1 of each year with the New Jersey Legislature and the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development containing the total number of workers trained, the total funds expended on training, the number of workers trained in each area of basic skills training, the number of businesses with employees trained, the number of classes held in each area of basic skills training, the number of classes held at each community college, the wage ranges of the workers trained, the job titles of the workers trained and the results of the pre-training and post-training

1 assessments. The report shall also include an analysis of the

2 strengths and weaknesses of the training program and how it can be

- 3 improved in the following year. The report shall supplant all
- 4 requirements for any other reporting that the New Jersey
- 5 Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic
- 6 Development may be asked to complete with respect to the funds it
- 7 receives through paragraph (4) of subsection a. of this section; and
- 8 (8) The New Jersey Community College Consortium for
- 9 Workforce and Economic Development shall work with the
- 10 business community to promote this program to businesses across
- 11 the State, including chambers of commerce and Statewide 12 associations, such as the New Jersey Business and Industry
- 13 Association, and shall seek out, and work with, State, regional, and
- 14 county organizations that are dedicated to the economic
- 15 empowerment of segments of society by race, ethnicity, gender,
- 16 age, religion, disability, or sexual orientation, including, but not
- 17 limited to the African American Chamber of Commerce of New
- 18 Jersey and the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New
- 19 Jersey, and any other appropriate business organizations.
- 20 c. Any employment and training services funded by the
- 21 Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skills shall be provided in 22 a manner which complies with the provisions of subsections b., c.,
- 23 f., g., h. and i. of section 4 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-4), to the
- 24 extent that those subsections pertain to remedial education. Any
- 25 service provider receiving moneys from the Supplemental
- 26 Workforce Fund for Basic Skills shall be subject to the provisions
- of section 8 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-8) and section 8 of 27
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- 29 d. All staff located at any One Stop Career Center supported by
- 30 funds provided from the Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic
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- 32 11A, Civil Service, of the New Jersey Statutes.
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- 34 if the unexpended cash balance in any of the accounts indicated in
- 35 subsection a. of this section, less any amount awarded in grants but
- not yet disbursed from the account, is determined to exceed 20% of 36 37
- the amount of contributions collected for deposit in the account
- 38 pursuant to this subsection during the fiscal year then ended, the
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- 41 fund within seven business days of the date that the determination is
- 42 made.
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- 45 training pursuant to this act. The standards shall include, but not be
- 46 limited to, standards for the curriculum or training to be furnished, 47
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- 48 act, and standards for establishing what constitutes successful

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g. The State Employment and Training Commission shall review and evaluate the operations of programs supported by the Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skills established pursuant to this section, with special consideration to how those programs assist in the implementation of the goals of the Strategic Five-Year State Plan for New Jersey's Workforce Investment System, and shall consult with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development regarding its findings.

h. For the purpose of this section:

"Basic skills training" means basic mathematics, reading comprehension, basic computer literacy <u>including new technology topics</u>, English proficiency and work-readiness skills <u>including topics for entry level managers</u> and shall be regarded as a form of "remedial education" for the purposes of section 3 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-3);

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(cf: P.L.2017, c.52)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

#### **STATEMENT**

 This bill provides for a minimum allocation of \$3 million from the Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skills (SWFBS) to an account in that fund dedicated to the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development. Currently, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.152 (C.34:15D-21) requires that 13 percent of all moneys appropriated to the fund, accumulated

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This bill also expands the definition of basic skills within the context of the SWFBS to include new technology topics and topics for entry level managers.

## ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

## ASSEMBLY, No. 3027

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 16, 2021

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3027.

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## **FISCAL IMPACT**:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

## SENATE, No. 793

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## 219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

**Sponsored by:** 

Senator SANDRA B. CUNNINGHAM

District 31 (Hudson)

**Senator TROY SINGLETON** 

**District 7 (Burlington)** 

## **SYNOPSIS**

Commits \$3 million from Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skill to NJ Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development.

## **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/10/2021)

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

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## SENATE, No. 793

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## 219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

**Sponsored by:** 

Senator SANDRA B. CUNNINGHAM

District 31 (Hudson)

**Senator TROY SINGLETON** 

**District 7 (Burlington)** 

## **SYNOPSIS**

Commits \$3 million from Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skill to NJ Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development.

## **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/10/2021)

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## SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

## SENATE, No. 793

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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## **FISCAL IMPACT**:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

11/8/2021

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

**S-249/A-1259 (Singleton, Turner/Schaer, DeCroce, Vainieri Huttle)** – Requires pharmacy benefits manager providing services within Medicaid program to disclose certain information to DHS

**S-324/A-3533 (Diegnan, A.M. Bucco/Benson, Freiman, DeCroce)** – Authorizes operators of motor vehicles to display electronic proof of registration; requires MVC to send application for registration renewal to lessee of leased vehicle

SCS for S-399 and 1645/ACS for A-869 and 1380 (Lagana, Weinberg, Stack, Turner, Cunningham/Chiaravalloti, Holley) – Requires residential landlords to install covers on steam radiators upon request of tenant

**S-537/A-3110 (Codey/McKeon, Verrelli, Vainieri Huttle)** – Establishes certain minimum and maximum temperatures in rooming and boarding houses, dementia care homes, and certain nursing homes and residential health care facilities

**S-550/A-1616 (Codey, Pennacchio/Lampitt, Conaway, Vainieri Huttle)** – Requires certain student identification cards to contain telephone number for suicide prevention hotline

SCS for S-647/A-4825 (Greenstein, Singleton/McKeon, Karabinchak, Stanley) – Revises cybersecurity, asset management, and related reporting requirements in "Water Quality Accountability Act"

**S-828/A-2101 (Lagana, Greenstein/Swain, Tully, Verrelli)** – Requires public utilities and local units to provide notice prior to initiating certain infrastructure projects

S-829/A-2135 (Lagana, Singleton/Tully, Swain, Murphy) – Requires property condition disclosure statement to indicate presence of lead plumbing in residential property

S-830/A-2134 (Lagana, Greenstein/Tully, Swain, Conaway) – Requires public water systems to offer drinking water tests to customers in certain circumstances

S-894/A-3874 (Pou, Greenstein/Lopez, Vainieri Huttle) – Prohibits sale of paint or coating removal products that contain methylene chloride unless purchaser meets certain safety standards for use

**S-1010/A-2103 (Lagana, Turner/Swain, Tully, Johnson)** – Permits counties and municipalities to bond for alternative fuel vehicles

S-1047/A-1712 (Cryan, Pou/Burzichelli, Karabinchak, Giblin) – Concerns disclosure of certain information prior to sale of real estate

**S-1148/A-1221 (Ruiz, Pou/Chaparro, Speight, Wimberly)** – Requires emergency contact information and access instructions for social services hotline to be provided to tenants of multiple dwellings

**S-1239/A-5131 (Codey/McKeon, Danielsen, Jasey)** – Authorizes imposition of fee for connection to municipal electric distribution system

S-1259/A-2628 (Singleton/Murphy) – Concerns labor contractors

S-1726/A-795 (Lagana, Pou/Verrelli, Swain, Zwicker) – Prohibits sale of cosmetic products that have been tested on animals

- **S-2727/A-4775 (Pennacchio, Pou/Vainieri Huttle, Jasey, McKnight)** Establishes Multigenerational Family Housing Continuity Commission; provides municipal guidance to periodically analyze local advancement of commission's senior citizen housing recommendations
- **S-2861/A-5390 (Singleton, Addiego/Quijano, McKnight, Speight)** Concerns certain restrictive covenants on real property
- **S-2996/A-5019 (Testa, Sweeney/McClellan, Taliaferro, Johnson)** Allows Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling licensees to operate mobile facilities when providing services
- S-3000/A-4688 (Weinberg, Greenstein/Benson, Verrelli, Vainieri Huttle) Codifies and establishes certain network adequacy standards for pediatric primary and specialty care in Medicaid program
- **S-3032/A-4855 (Sweeney, Vitale/Benson, Vainieri Huttle, Chiaravalloti)** Requires DOH to develop Statewide plan for infection control and prevention infrastructure improvements in nursing homes
- **S-3091/A-4933 (Addiego, Bateman/Burzichelli, Benson, Mukherji)** Requires builders to offer unit concrete products that utilize carbon footprint-reducing technology as option in new construction; establishes tax incentives, and State and local purchasing requirements, for unit concrete products that utilize carbon footprint-reducing technology
- S-3253/A-2619 (Singleton, Ruiz/Murphy, Speight, Mukherji) Establishes alternate route to expedite certification of teachers at early college high school programs
- S-3318/A-5893 (Sweeney, Pou/Vainieri Huttle, Caputo, Karabinchak) Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for Special Olympics New Jersey
- **S-3590/A-5536 (Diegnan, Turner/Burzichelli, Giblin)** Allows formation of limited liability companies by real estate salespersons and broker-salespersons to receive commission income and requires certain disclosures on promotions
- S-3811/A-5769 (Sweeney, Scutari/Reynolds-Jackson, Quijano, Carter) Establishes Kean University as public urban research university
- **S-3948/A-5896 (Addiego, Gopal/Houghtaling, Downey)** Authorizes supplemental State aid to school districts receiving certain federal Impact Aid; makes appropriation
- **SJR-41/AJR-33 (Cruz-Perez, Addiego/Lopez, McKnight)** Designates June 2 of each year as "Gun Violence Awareness Day"
- **SJR-109/AJR-208 (Weinberg, Pou/McKnight, Benson, Vainieri Huttle)** Condemns hate and violent extremism and commits to defense of safe and just democracy
- **A-637/S-2670 (Caputo, Dancer, Houghtaling/Beach)** Revises permit and license processes for sports pools operators and online sports pool operators; revises definitions of certain sports events; allows for transactional waiver for sports wagering lounge
- **A-853/S-797 (Chiaravalloti, Karabinchak, McKnight/Cunningham, Doherty)** Prohibits municipal licensure of children operating temporary businesses
- **A-2311/S-356 (Calabrese, Jasey/Cryan, Codey)** Establishes study commission to examine development of mutually beneficial relationships between institutions of higher education and municipalities
- A-3027/S-793 (Lampitt, Jasey, Houghtaling/Cunningham, Singleton) Commits \$3 million from Supplemental Workforce Fund for Basic Skill to NJ Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development
- ACS for A-3352/S-3504 (Kennedy, Stanley, Calabrese/Smith) Requires certain newly constructed warehouses to be solar-ready buildings

A-3897/S-3263 (Armato, Mazzeo, DiMaso/Beach, Gopal) — Increases fee for New Jersey Waterfowl Stamps

**A-4138/S-2701 (Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Giblin/Gopal, Codey)** – Requires Department of Human Services to develop public emergency response plan for licensed providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities

**A-4367/S-2794 (Mukherji, Sumter, Taliaferro/Pou, Scutari)** – Provides that AOC shall administer program for municipal courts allowing defendants to engage in online plea negotiations, entry of guilty plea, and payment of fine or penalty

**A-4484/S-3153 (McKnight, Kennedy, Mukherji, Gove/Pou, Vitale)** – Requires State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to establish long-term care advocacy and educational training program

**A-4538/S-3131 (Lampitt, Quijano/Pou, A.M. Bucco)** – Requires dental insurers to provide credits for reduced usage during coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic

**A-4544/S-3150 (Caputo, Jasey, Murphy/Pou, Codey)** – Permits school nurse who is retired from TPAF to return to employment for up to two years without reenrollment in TPAF

**A-4633/S-2856 (Giblin, DeCroce/Pou)** – Permits certain nonresident Certified Public Accountants to provide attest services

A-4831/S-3953 (Chaparro, Kennedy, Murphy/Scutari) – Clarifies classification in this State of criminal offenses committed in other states or under federal law

**A-4836/S-3313 (Giblin, Benson, Downey/Pou, Turner)** – Establishes task force to evaluate quality, efficacy, costs, and educational outcomes of online courses offered by public and independent institutions of higher education and degree-granting proprietary institutions during COVID-19 pandemic

**A-4861/S-3041 (Vainieri Huttle, Armato, Verrelli/Vitale, Gopal)** – Requires DOH to publish total number of COVID-19 deaths and cases in long-term care facilities

**A-4869/S-2414 (Wirths, Verrelli, Space/Singleton, Madden)** – Requires certain bidders for prevailing wage public work to provide proof that prevailing wage will be paid

**A-5059/S-3031 (Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Benson/Sweeney, Vitale)** – Requires DOH to establish certain nursing education and professional advancement programs

A-5212/S-3638 (Conaway, Verrelli, Karabinchak/Turner, Diegnan) – Permits dentists to administer vaccines under certain circumstances

**A-5751/S-3823 (Swain, Timberlake, Carter, Johnson/Weinberg, Gopal)** – Expands State corrections officers training to include topics contributing to their core mission of treating inmates with dignity, fairness, and respect

A-5817/S-3852 (Tully, Swain, Benson/Lagana, Diegnan) — Revises violation and fines for approving or assigning unauthorized individuals as school bus drivers

A-5818/S-3849 (Tully, Swain, Benson/Lagana, Diegnan) – Provides for debarment of school bus contractors for certain violations; requires certain information in pupil transportation contract bid

AJR-204/SJR-105 (Jasey, Benson, Reynolds-Jackson/Cunningham, T. Kean) – Designates April of each year as "Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Month" in New Jersey

**AJR-238/SJR-123 (Burzichelli/Sweeney, Singleton)** – Urges U.S. President and EPA to take appropriate action, through waivers and other reforms, to allow blending of renewable fuels under the federal "Clean Air Act"

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

**S-108/A-169 (Gill, Turner/Caputo, Wirths)** – **CONDITIONAL -** Concerns speech rights of student journalists at public schools and public institutions of higher education

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**S-2078/A-5008 (Weinberg, Addiego/Lampitt, Benson, Vainieri Huttle)** – **CONDITIONAL** - Establishes "Stillbirth Resource Center" and regional Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Committee, and programs for the prevention and reduction of incidences of stillbirth; expands list of professionals authorized to provide stillbirth-related care

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**S-2160/A-5701 (Sweeney, Oroho, Singer/Carter, Lampitt, Jasey)** – **CONDITIONAL -** Creates special education unit within the Office of Administrative Law; requires annual report

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S-2525/A-4274 (Rice, Singleton, Turner/Conaway, Sumter, Stanley) – CONDITIONAL - Expands powers and duties of State Chief Diversity Officer to promote diversity in State government and public contracting

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S-2559/ACS for A-4179 and 4200 (Gopal, Gill/Downey, Conaway, Benson, Houghtaling, Karabinchak) – CONDITIONAL - Revises requirements for health insurance providers and Medicaid to cover services provided using telemedicine and telehealth; appropriates \$5 million

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**S-2834/A-5312 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Quijano, Lampitt, McKnight)** – **CONDITIONAL -** Mandates training on culturally responsive teaching for all candidates for teaching certification

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S-2953/A-4785 (Sweeney, Cunningham/Quijano, Verrelli, Mukherji) – CONDITIONAL - Expands scope of inmate reentry assistance and benefits

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S-3238/A-5213 (Ruiz, Pou/Verrelli, McKnight, McKeon) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes New Jersey Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program

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S-3488/A-5537 (Sweeney, Gopal, O'Scanlon/Burzichelli, Dancer, Spearman) – CONDITIONAL - Modifies certain procedures pertaining to school district regionalization; establishes grant program for cost reimbursement of conducting regionalization feasibility studies; and provides financial incentives for regionalization

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S-3867/A-5868 (Addiego, Singleton/Benson, Verrelli, Vainieri Huttle) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund and Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council; provides for funds received from opioid settlements to support substance use disorder prevention and treatment programs

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S-3955/A-5905 (Ruiz/Timberlake, Speight, Spearman) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes "Rental Assistance Navigation Program" in DCA; makes appropriation

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A-1533/S-3321 (Spearman, Reynolds-Jackson, Schaer/Stack, Turner) – CONDITIONAL - Requires reservation of portion of tenant-based vouchers under State rental assistance program for persons displaced due to redevelopment of an affordable housing development; provides displaced persons with affordable housing priority status

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**A-2455/S-2204 (Benson, Vainieri Huttle, DeAngelo/Greenstein, Oroho)** – **CONDITIONAL -** Establishes pilot program in DOE to support FIRST Robotics Programs in school districts

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A-3062/S-1196 (Pintor Marin, Moen, Reynolds-Jackson/Pou, Cruz-Perez) - CONDITIONAL

- Establishes three year Financial Empowerment Pilot Program

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**A-4002/S-2257 (Caputo, Dancer, Murphy/Gopal, Sarlo)** – **CONDITIONAL -** Allows deduction of promotional gaming credit from gross revenue on sports wagering

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**A-4433/S-2715 (Greenwald, Mukherji, Lampitt/Beach, Corrado) – CONDITIONAL** - Creates grant program to encourage school districts to partner with institutions of higher education in training school-based mental health services providers

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A-4435/S-2717 (Verrelli, Greenwald, Speight, Lampitt/Beach, Corrado) – CONDITIONAL - Requires DCF to give priority to certain school districts with student mental health counseling centers in awarding grants under School Based Youth Services Program

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**A-4630/S-577 (Burzichelli/Madden, Singleton) – CONDITIONAL** - Concerns labor harmony agreements in retail and distribution center projects

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**A-4746/S-3947 (Mosquera, Lopez, Chaparro, Dunn/Vitale, Turner)** – **CONDITIONAL** - Requires that certain provider subsidy payments for child care services be based on enrollment

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A-4834/S-3474 (Mazzeo, Quijano, Downey/Pou, Turner) – CONDITIONAL - Requires disclosure letter be included with mail falsely implying State government connection

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A-4850/S-3095 (Karabinchak, Freiman, Calabrese, Greenwald/Diegnan) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes expedited construction inspection program

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A-5033/S-3279 (Benson, Dancer, Verrelli/Gopal) – CONDITIONAL - Authorizes motor vehicle dealers to sell motor vehicles online and obtain electronic signatures for motor vehicle transactions

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A-5353/S-3421 (Conaway, Vainieri Huttle, Benson/Madden, Turner) – CONDITIONAL - Provides for certification of temporary nurse aides

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**A-5599/S-3916 (Chiaravalloti, Vainieri Huttle, McKnight/Scutari, Gill)** – **CONDITIONAL -** Establishes order of protection for current or former judge; upgrades and clarifies harassment against current or former judge; bars firearms possession by persons against whom current or former judge order of protection is entered

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A-5864/S-3939 (Speight, Pintor Marin, Chaparro, McKnight, DeAngelo, Bergen/Gopal, Cryan) – CONDITIONAL - Allows law enforcement officers to review body worn camera recordings prior to creating initial report

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Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bills:

**S-415/A-4685 (Turner/Quijano, Verrelli)** – **ABSOLUTE -** Requires reentry assistance to be provided to certain inmates who have served their maximum sentence

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S-969/ACS for A-2687 (Ruiz, Turner/Mazzeo, Lampitt, Moen) – CONDITIONAL - Establishes loan redemption program for teachers in certain fields to redeem loan amounts received under New Jersey College Loans to Assist State Students Loan Program through employment in certain low performing schools

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S-2261/A-4265 (Singleton/Conaway) – ABSOLUTE - Revises law relating to common interest communities

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S-2347/A-4030 (Sweeney, Greenstein, T. Kean/Mukherji, Benson, Murphy) – ABSOLUTE - Establishes Employment and Business-Related Tax Deferral Assistance Program in EDA to allow small businesses to defer the payment and remittance of certain employment and business-related taxes during COVID-19 public health emergency

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S-3093/A-4910 (Gopal, Sweeney, Singleton/Burzichelli, Johnson, Danielsen) – ABSOLUTE - Establishes county-based mitigation plan to allow businesses to operate during pandemic

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S-3505/A-5371 (Scutari, Weinberg/Mukherji, Johnson, Quijano) – ABSOLUTE - Requires assignment of unemployment claims handlers to legislative districts and partisan offices during COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency; appropriates \$1.8 million

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S-3868/A-5895 (Sarlo/Giblin) - ABSOLUTE - Concerns construction code enforcing agency fee revenue

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**A-2722/S-1862 (Mukherji/Gopal, Oroho)** – **ABSOLUTE -** Requires Commissioner of Corrections to institute 30-minute shift overlap in State correctional facilities

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A-4297/S-2631 (Houghtaling, Downey, Space/Gopal, Oroho) – ABSOLUTE - Permits conduct of bingos and raffles remotely; permits online sale of tickets for all bingos and raffles

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A-5231/S-3806 (Lopez, Coughlin, Freiman/Vitale) – ABSOLUTE - Allows county or municipal governing body to enter into revenue sharing agreement for alcoholic beverage sales by concessionaire permit holder

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