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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 225, *approved September 24, 2021*
Senate, No. 3618 (*First Reprint*)

1 A SUPPLEMENT to the Fiscal Year ¹**[2021]** 2022¹ appropriations
2 act, P.L. ¹**[2020]**¹, c. ¹**[97]** (pending before the Legislature as
3 Senate Bill No. _____ or Assembly Bill No. _____)¹.

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

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8 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L. ¹**[2020]**¹,
9 c. ¹**[97]** (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. _____ or
10 Assembly Bill No. _____)¹, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal
11 Year ¹**[2020-2021]** 2022¹, there is appropriated the following sum
12 for the purposes specified:
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42 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
40 Community Development and Environmental Management
43 Science and Technical Programs

GRANTS-IN-AID

06-4850	Water Monitoring.....	\$10,000,000
	Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation,	
	Stormwater Management Grants	\$10,000,000

Grants-In-Aid:

06 Stormwater Management Grants
..... (\$10,000,000)

14 The amounts hereinabove appropriated shall be used for providing
15 grants to assist qualified entities to pay ¹**[the cost of development**
16 **of lands]**¹ for the management and maintenance of lakes for
17 recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to section 2 of this
18 act.

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20 2. a. The amounts appropriated in section 1 of this act shall be
21 used for providing grants to assist qualified entities to pay ¹**[the**
22 **cost of development of lands]**¹ for the management and
23 maintenance of lakes for recreation and conservation purposes
24 pursuant to the provisions of this section.

25 b. The department shall establish a program for the purpose of
26 providing grants with the moneys allocated pursuant to section 1 of
27 this act to assist qualified entities to pay certain costs associated
28 with the management and maintenance of lakes for recreation and
29 conservation purposes.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
¹Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted June 16, 2021.

1 c. (1) In establishing the program required pursuant to this
2 section, the department shall develop criteria for the evaluation and
3 ranking of applications to provide priority to projects:

4 (a) submitted by qualified entities ¹located in the Highlands
5 Region and pinelands area responsible for a lake with public access¹
6 ; and

7 (b) to improve water quality and increase recreational access
8 and use of lakes, including projects to control nutrient levels in
9 lakes in order to prevent future harmful algal blooms.

10 (2) A grant issued pursuant to this section may be used for
11 stormwater and nonpoint source pollution management activities
12 that would, as determined by the department, directly enhance,
13 improve, or protect the use of a lake for recreation and conservation
14 purposes.

15 (3) ¹[(a) An application received by the department from the
16 Greenwood Lake Commission for funding pursuant to this section
17 shall be approved by the department and shall receive a minimum
18 grant award of \$750,000. A grant awarded to the Greenwood Lake
19 Commission pursuant to this section shall be used solely for that
20 part of Greenwood Lake which lies within the State, and may be
21 utilized without matching funds from substantially similar
22 legislation by the State of New York.

23 (b) An application received by the department from the Lake
24 Hopatcong Commission for funding pursuant to this section shall be
25 approved by the department and shall receive a minimum grant
26 award of \$750,000.

27 (4)¹ The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall
28 develop an application by which a qualified entity may apply for a
29 grant pursuant to this section, and criteria by which to rank the
30 applications received by the department. The commissioner shall
31 provide notice of the availability of funding for this program and
32 make the application available on the department's Internet website.

33 d. As used in this section:

34 “Greenwood Lake Commission” means the commission created
35 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1999, c.402 (C.32:20A-3).

36 ¹“Highlands Region” means the region as defined pursuant to
37 section 3 of P.L.2004, c.120 (C.13:20-3).¹

38 “Lake Hopatcong Commission” means the commission created
39 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2000, c.175 (C.54:4B-3).

40 “Qualified entity” means ¹;¹ the Greenwood Lake Commission
41 ¹[,] ;¹ the Lake Hopatcong Commission ¹[,] ;¹ a local government
42 unit ¹; an entity established as a joint meeting pursuant to law or an
43 entity established pursuant to ordinance by the municipalities
44 surrounding a publicly-accessible lake for the management of the lake,
45 including, but not limited to, the Deal Lake Commission or the Lake
46 Topanemus Park Commission; or a nonprofit organization that is

1 exempt from federal taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s.501 (c)(3) and
2 whose mission is the management of a publicly-accessible lake¹ .

3 ¹【“Pinelands area” means the pinelands area as defined pursuant
4 to section 3 of P.L.1979, c.111 (C.13:18A-3).】

5 “Recreation and conservation purposes” means the same as that
6 term is defined in section 3 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-3).¹

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8 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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13 Makes supplemental appropriation of \$10 million for grants for
14 certain lake management activities for recreation and conservation
15 purposes.

CHAPTER 225

A SUPPLEMENT to the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations act, P.L.2021, c.133.

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

1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2021, c.133, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2022, there is appropriated the following sum for the purposes specified:

42 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
40 Community Development and Environmental Management
43 Science and Technical Programs
GRANTS-IN-AID

06-4850 Water Monitoring.....	<u>\$10,000,000</u>
Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Stormwater Management Grants	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

Grants-In-Aid:

06 Stormwater Management Grants(\$10,000,000)

The amounts hereinabove appropriated shall be used for providing grants to assist qualified entities to pay for the management and maintenance of lakes for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to section 2 of this act.

2. a. The amounts appropriated in section 1 of this act shall be used for providing grants to assist qualified entities to pay for the management and maintenance of lakes for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to the provisions of this section.

b. The department shall establish a program for the purpose of providing grants with the moneys allocated pursuant to section 1 of this act to assist qualified entities to pay certain costs associated with the management and maintenance of lakes for recreation and conservation purposes.

c. (1) In establishing the program required pursuant to this section, the department shall develop criteria for the evaluation and ranking of applications to provide priority to projects:

- (a) submitted by qualified entities responsible for a lake with public access; and
- (b) to improve water quality and increase recreational access and use of lakes, including projects to control nutrient levels in lakes in order to prevent future harmful algal blooms.

(2) A grant issued pursuant to this section may be used for stormwater and nonpoint source pollution management activities that would, as determined by the department, directly enhance, improve, or protect the use of a lake for recreation and conservation purposes.

(3) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall develop an application by which a qualified entity may apply for a grant pursuant to this section, and criteria by which to rank the applications received by the department. The commissioner shall provide notice of the availability of funding for this program and make the application available on the department's Internet website.

d. As used in this section:

“Greenwood Lake Commission” means the commission created pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1999, c.402 (C.32:20A-3).

“Lake Hopatcong Commission” means the commission created pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2000, c.175 (C.54:4B-3).

“Qualified entity” means: the Greenwood Lake Commission; the Lake Hopatcong Commission; a local government unit; an entity established as a joint meeting pursuant to law or an entity established pursuant to ordinance by the municipalities surrounding a publicly-accessible lake for the management of the lake, including, but not limited to, the Deal Lake Commission or the Lake Topanemus Park Commission; or a nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal

taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s.501 (c)(3) and whose mission is the management of a publicly-accessible lake.

“Recreation and conservation purposes” means the same as that term is defined in section 3 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-3).

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 24, 2021.

SENATE, No. 3618

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 25, 2021

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH PENNACCHIO

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Senator STEVEN V. OROHO

District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

Senator ANTHONY M. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Makes supplemental appropriation of \$10 million for grants for certain lake management activities for recreation and conservation purposes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 A SUPPLEMENT to the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations act,
2 P.L.2020, c.97.

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

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7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2020, c.97,
8 the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, there is
9 appropriated the following sum for the purposes specified:

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42 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

40 Community Development and Environmental Management

43 Science and Technical Programs

GRANTS-IN-AID

06-4850	Water Monitoring.....	\$10,000,000
	Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation,	<hr/>
	Stormwater Management Grants	\$10,000,000
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Grants-In-Aid:

06 Stormwater Management Grants
..... (\$10,000,000)

11 The amounts hereinabove appropriated shall be used for providing
12 grants to assist qualified entities to pay the cost of development of
13 lands for the management and maintenance of lakes for recreation
14 and conservation purposes pursuant to section 2 of this act.

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16 2. a. The amounts appropriated in section 1 of this act shall be
17 used for providing grants to assist qualified entities to pay the cost
18 of development of lands for the management and maintenance of
19 lakes for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to the
20 provisions of this section.

21 b. The department shall establish a program for the purpose of
22 providing grants with the moneys allocated pursuant to section 1 of
23 this act to assist qualified entities to pay certain costs associated
24 with the management and maintenance of lakes for recreation and
25 conservation purposes.

26 c. (1) In establishing the program required pursuant to this
27 section, the department shall develop criteria for the evaluation and
28 ranking of applications to provide priority to projects:

29 (a) submitted by qualified entities located in the Highlands
30 Region and pinelands area; and

31 (b) to improve water quality and increase recreational access
32 and use of lakes, including projects to control nutrient levels in
33 lakes in order to prevent future harmful algal blooms.

34 (2) A grant issued pursuant to this section may be used for
35 stormwater and nonpoint source pollution management activities
36 that would, as determined by the department, directly enhance,

1 improve, or protect the use of a lake for recreation and conservation
2 purposes.

3 (3) (a) An application received by the department from the
4 Greenwood Lake Commission for funding pursuant to this section
5 shall be approved by the department and shall receive a minimum
6 grant award of \$750,000. A grant awarded to the Greenwood Lake
7 Commission pursuant to this section shall be used solely for that
8 part of Greenwood Lake which lies within the State, and may be
9 utilized without matching funds from substantially similar
10 legislation by the State of New York.

11 (b) An application received by the department from the Lake
12 Hopatcong Commission for funding pursuant to this section shall be
13 approved by the department and shall receive a minimum grant
14 award of \$750,000.

15 (4) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall develop
16 an application by which a qualified entity may apply for a grant
17 pursuant to this section, and criteria by which to rank the
18 applications received by the department. The commissioner shall
19 provide notice of the availability of funding for this program and
20 make the application available on the department's Internet website.

21 d. As used in this section:

22 "Greenwood Lake Commission" means the commission created
23 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1999, c.402 (C.32:20A-3).

24 "Highlands Region" means the region as defined pursuant to
25 section 3 of P.L.2004, c.120 (C.13:20-3).

26 "Lake Hopatcong Commission" means the commission created
27 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2000, c.175 (C.54:4B-3).

28 "Qualified entity" means the Greenwood Lake Commission, the
29 Lake Hopatcong Commission, or a local government unit.

30 "Pinelands area" means the pinelands area as defined pursuant to
31 section 3 of P.L.1979, c.111 (C.13:18A-3).

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33 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill makes a one-time supplemental appropriation of \$10
39 million for Fiscal Year 2021 to the Department of Environmental
40 Protection (DEP) from the General Fund. The bill directs the DEP
41 to establish a program to use these funds for grants to assist
42 qualified entities to pay certain costs associated with the
43 management and maintenance of lakes for recreation and
44 conservation purposes.

45 The bill requires the DEP to develop criteria for the evaluation
46 and ranking of applications to provide priority to projects located in
47 the Highlands Region and pinelands area and to improve water
48 quality and increase recreational access and use of lakes, including

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1 projects to control nutrient levels in lakes in order to prevent future
2 harmful algal blooms. The bill provides priority for funding for
3 projects located in the Highlands Region and pinelands area in
4 recognition of the critical role lakes in these ecologically significant
5 locations provide in the supply of drinking water to residents
6 throughout the State, watershed protection, and for recreation and
7 conservation purposes.

8 The bill provides that a grant issued pursuant to the bill may be
9 used for stormwater and nonpoint source pollution management
10 activities, if the DEP determines that those activities would directly
11 enhance, improve, or protect the use of a lake for recreation and
12 conservation purposes. Harmful algal blooms occur when colonies
13 of microscopic algae or bacteria grow at exponential rates and
14 produce toxins harmful to humans and animals. Exposure to these
15 algal blooms can cause a range of health effects, including skin
16 rashes, allergy-like reactions, flu-like symptoms, gastroenteritis,
17 respiratory irritation and eye irritation. The issuance by the DEP of
18 “no contact” advisories or other warnings cautioning against contact
19 with the water in certain lakes due to the presence of harmful algal
20 blooms directly impacts the public’s use of lakes for recreation and
21 conservation purposes. Certain stormwater and nonpoint source
22 pollution management activities may control harmful algal blooms,
23 which would result in improvements to water quality and increase
24 recreational access to lakes.

25 The Greenwood Lake Commission, the Lake Hopatcong
26 Commission, and local government units may apply for grants
27 pursuant to the bill. The DEP would be required to approve any
28 application submitted by the Greenwood Lake Commission and the
29 Lake Hopatcong Commission, and each commission would receive
30 a minimum grant award of \$750,000.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3618

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 18, 2021

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3618, with committee amendments.

This bill, as amended by the committee, makes a one-time supplemental appropriation of \$10 million for Fiscal Year 2022 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) from the General Fund. The bill directs the DEP to establish a program to use these funds for grants to assist qualified entities to pay certain costs associated with the management and maintenance of lakes for recreation and conservation purposes.

The bill requires the DEP to develop criteria for the evaluation and ranking of applications to provide priority to projects submitted by qualified entities responsible for a lake with public access; and projects to improve water quality and increase recreational access and use of lakes, including projects to control nutrient levels in lakes in order to prevent future harmful algal blooms. The bill provides that a grant issued pursuant to the bill may be used for stormwater and nonpoint source pollution management activities, if the DEP determines that those activities would directly enhance, improve, or protect the use of a lake for recreation and conservation purposes.

The bill defines “qualified entity” to mean: the Greenwood Lake Commission; the Lake Hopatcong Commission; a local government unit; an entity established as a joint meeting pursuant to law or an entity established pursuant to ordinance by the municipalities surrounding a publicly-accessible lake for the management of the lake, including, but not limited to, the Deal Lake Commission or the Lake Topanemus Park Commission; or a nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s.501 (c)(3) and whose mission is the management of a publicly-accessible lake.

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 5778 (ACS) as reported by the committee.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments to the bill:

1) provide that the appropriation provided by the bill would be a supplement to the Fiscal Year 2022 budget, rather than the Fiscal Year 2021 budget;

2) provide that the funds would be used to provide grants to pay for the management and maintenance of lakes for recreation and conservation purposes, rather than to pay for the cost of development of lands for the aforementioned purpose;

3) delete the provision that would have required the DEP to provide priority to projects located in the Highlands Region and pinelands area, and instead require the DEP to provide priority to projects submitted by qualified entities that are responsible for a lake with public access;

4) delete the provision that would have required the DEP to approve any application submitted by the Greenwood Lake Commission and the Lake Hopatcong Commission and provide a minimum grant amount of \$750,000 to those two commissions; and

5) revise the definition of “qualified entity,” delete the definitions of “Highlands Region” and “pinelands area,” and add a definition for “recreation and conservation purposes.”

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3618

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 11, 2021

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 3618.

The bill would make a one-time supplemental appropriation of \$10 million for Fiscal Year 2021 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) from the General Fund. The bill would direct the DEP to establish a program to use these funds for grants to assist qualified entities to pay certain costs associated with the management and maintenance of lakes for recreation and conservation purposes. In establishing the program required pursuant to the bill, the DEP would be required to develop criteria for the evaluation and ranking of applications to provide priority to projects located in the Highlands Region and pinelands area and to improve water quality and increase recreational access and use of lakes, including projects to control nutrient levels in lakes in order to prevent future harmful algal blooms.

The bill provides priority for funding for projects located in the Highlands Region. The bill provides that a grant issued pursuant to the bill may be used for stormwater and nonpoint source pollution management activities, if the DEP determines that those activities would directly enhance, improve, or protect the use of a lake for recreation and conservation purposes.

The Greenwood Lake Commission, the Lake Hopatcong Commission, and local government units may apply for grants pursuant to the bill. The DEP would be required to approve any application submitted by the Greenwood Lake Commission and the Lake Hopatcong Commission, and each commission would receive a minimum grant award of \$750,000.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5778

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 20, 2021

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI
District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)
Assemblyman BRIAN BERGEN
District 25 (Morris and Somerset)
Assemblywoman AURA K. DUNN
District 25 (Morris and Somerset)

Co-Sponsored by:

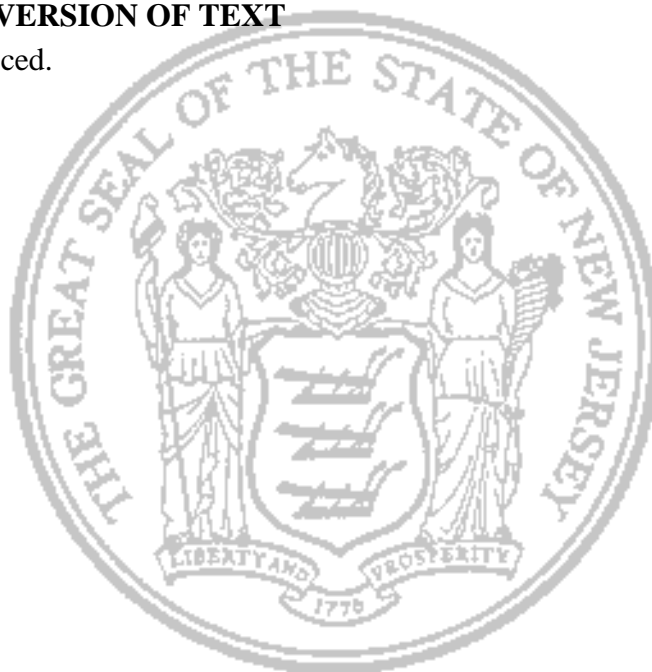
**Assemblymen Space, Wirths, Assemblywoman B.DeCroce and
Assemblyman McKeon**

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/9/2021)

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2 P.L.2020, c.97.

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10 legislation by the State of New York.

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15 algal blooms can cause a range of health effects, including skin
16 rashes, allergy-like reactions, flu-like symptoms, gastroenteritis,
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18 “no contact” advisories or other warnings cautioning against contact
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26 Commission, and local government units may apply for grants
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29 Lake Hopatcong Commission, and each commission would receive
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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 5778

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 16, 2021

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably a Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 5778.

This committee substitute makes a one-time supplemental appropriation of \$10 million for Fiscal Year 2022 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) from the General Fund. The bill directs the DEP to establish a program to use these funds for grants to assist qualified entities to pay certain costs associated with the management and maintenance of lakes for recreation and conservation purposes.

The bill requires the DEP to develop criteria for the evaluation and ranking of applications to provide priority to projects submitted by qualified entities responsible for a lake with public access; and projects to improve water quality and increase recreational access and use of lakes, including projects to control nutrient levels in lakes in order to prevent future harmful algal blooms. The bill provides that a grant issued pursuant to the bill may be used for stormwater and nonpoint source pollution management activities, if the DEP determines that those activities would directly enhance, improve, or protect the use of a lake for recreation and conservation purposes.

The bill defines “qualified entity” to mean: the Greenwood Lake Commission; the Lake Hopatcong Commission; a local government unit; an entity established as a joint meeting pursuant to law or an entity established pursuant to ordinance by the municipalities surrounding a publicly-accessible lake for the management of the lake, including, but not limited to, the Deal Lake Commission or the Lake Topanemus Park Commission; or a nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s.501 (c)(3) and whose mission is the management of a publicly-accessible lake.

As reported by the committee, this committee substitute is identical to Senate Bill No. 3618 as amended and also reported by the committee.

this date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

09/24/2021

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

S-225/A-679 (Diegnan, Turner/Vainieri Huttie, Mukherji, Jasey) – Provides that student-athlete who sustains concussion must return to regular school activities prior to return to competition; requires school districts to implement six-step return-to-competition process

S-985/A-3789 (Singleton/Moen, Zwicker, Jasey) – Provides that public institutions of higher education may only reduce student's institutional financial aid upon receipt of private scholarship under certain circumstances

S-2826/A-4594 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Quijano, Lampitt, Reynolds-Jackson) – Directs DOE to establish five-year pilot program for issuance of limited certificate of eligibility with advanced standing and limited certificate of eligibility for certain teacher candidates

S-3618/ACS for A-5778 (Pennacchio, Oroho, A.M. Bucco/Tucker, Houghtaling, Wirths, Burzichelli) – Makes supplemental appropriation of \$10 million for grants for certain lake management activities for recreation and conservation purposes

S-3780/A-5785 (Lagana, Sarlo/Mazzeo) – Permits prosecutors to enroll in Prosecutors Part of PERS

A-1091/S-2056 (Murphy, Vainieri Huttie, Wirths/Beach, Oroho) – Requires Division of Travel and Tourism to advertise and promote tours of breweries in the State

A-2617/S-2998 (Murphy, Benson, Reynolds-Jackson/Lagana, Gopal) – Requires employers to provide hiring preference to employees who have reached maximum medical improvement following work related injury

A-4205/S-2506 (Greenwald, Lampitt, Conaway/Gopal, Turner) – Enters New Jersey into Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

A-4881/S-3744 (Greenwald, Mazzeo/Beach) – Prohibits appeal of land use decision related to holding meeting electronically

A-5142/S-3373 (Wimberly, Jasey, Holley/Singleton, Turner) – Protects homeowner in foreclosure from excessively low intervening offer

A-5683/S-3869 (Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly/Turner, Pou) – Modifies Garden State Growth Zone tax exemption program