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§1 –
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§7 - Note

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 210, *approved September 16, 2021*
Senate, No. 1431 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning ¹voluntary contributions through gross income
2 tax returns to support ¹pediatric cancer research, supplementing
3 chapter 9 of Title 54A of the New Jersey Statutes and
4 supplementing and amending P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-1 et seq.).
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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:
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9 1. (New section) a. There is established in the Department of
10 the Treasury a special fund to be known as the “New Jersey
11 Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.”

12 b. Each taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on the
13 taxpayer’s New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the
14 taxpayer’s refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited in
15 the special fund.

16 c. Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection
17 or administration attributable to this act may be deducted from
18 receipts collected pursuant to this act, as determined by the Director
19 of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the
20 Treasury. The State Treasurer shall deposit net contributions
21 collected pursuant to this section to the “New Jersey Pediatric
22 Cancer Research Fund.”

23 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all funds
24 deposited in the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund”
25 established pursuant to this section to the New Jersey State
26 Commission on Cancer Research, established pursuant to section 4
27 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-4) ^{1,1} for pediatric cancer research
28 projects.

29 ¹e.¹ As used in this ¹subsection section,¹ “pediatric cancer
30 research project” means a scientific research project ¹which is ¹
31 approved ¹by the commission and ¹pursuant to section 2 of
32 P.L. , c. (C. and C.) (pending before the Legislature as
33 this bill),¹ which ¹scientific research project¹ focuses on the causes,
34 prevention, education, screening, treatment ^{1,1} or cure of pediatric
35 cancer ¹, or the symptoms or effects experienced by patients

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:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted May 20, 2021.

1 following completion of a course of treatment for pediatric cancer,¹
2 and may include, but ¹**[is]** shall¹ not limited to, basic, clinical, and
3 epidemiologic research.

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5 2. (New section) The New Jersey State Commission on Cancer
6 Research ¹, in consultation with the advisory group established
7 pursuant to section 3 of P.L. , c. (C.),¹ shall solicit,
8 receive, evaluate and approve applications of qualifying research
9 institutions for grants from the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer
10 Research Fund,” established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. ,
11 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), to
12 ¹**[conduct research relating to the causes, prevention, education,**
13 **screening, treatment and cure of pediatric cancer. As used in this**
14 **section, “qualified research institution” may include academic**
15 **medical institutions, State or local government agencies, public or**
16 **private organizations within New Jersey, and any other institution**
17 **approved by the commission, which is conducting a]** fund¹
18 pediatric cancer research ¹**[project]** projects¹ .

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20 ¹3. (New section) a. The New Jersey State Commission on
21 Cancer Research shall establish an advisory group within the
22 commission which shall be responsible for advising the commission
23 on how moneys from the fund established pursuant to section 1 of
24 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) to
25 support pediatric cancer research projects will be distributed by the
26 commission.

27 b. The size and composition of the advisory group shall be at
28 the discretion of the commission and shall be limited to individuals
29 who either treat patients with pediatric cancer, conduct research into
30 pediatric cancer, advocate to advance pediatric cancer research or
31 treatment, or have been affected by their own or a family member’s
32 diagnosis of pediatric cancer.

33 c. The advisory group shall meet at such times and frequencies
34 as shall be required by the commission.¹

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36 ¹4. Section 3 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-3) is amended to read as
37 follows:

38 3. As used in this act:

39 **[a.]** "Approved research project" means a scientific research
40 project, which is approved by the commission and which focuses on
41 the genetic, biochemical, viral, microbiological and environmental
42 causes of cancer, and may include, but is not limited to, behavioral,
43 socio-economic, demographic and psychosocial research or research
44 into methods of clinical treatment; or which focuses on pain
45 management and palliative care for persons diagnosed with cancer.

46 **[b.]** "Commission" means the New Jersey State Commission on
47 Cancer Research established pursuant to this act.

1 **[c.]** "Institutional support services" means all services,
2 facilities, equipment, personnel and expenditures associated with
3 the creation and maintenance of approved research projects.

4 **[d.]** "Pediatric cancer research project" means a scientific
5 research project approved pursuant to this act, which scientific
6 research project focuses on the causes, prevention, education,
7 screening, treatment, or cure of pediatric cancer, or the symptoms or
8 effects experienced by patients following completion of a course of
9 treatment for pediatric cancer, and may include, but shall not
10 limited to, basic, clinical, and epidemiologic research.

11 "Qualifying research institution" means the Coriell Institute for
12 Medical Research in Camden, New Jersey, Rutgers--The State
13 University, Rowan University, Princeton University and any other
14 institution approved by the commission, which is conducting an
15 approved research project. For the purposes of sections 2 through 5
16 of P.L. , c. (C.), "qualifying research institution" may
17 include academic medical institutions, State or local government
18 agencies, public or private organizations within New Jersey, and
19 any other institution approved by the commission, which is
20 conducting a pediatric cancer research project.¹

21 (cf: P.L.2012, c.45, s.131)

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23 ^{15.} Section 5 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-5) is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 5. The commission shall:

26 a. Review and authorize approved research projects;
27 b. Apportion all available funds to qualifying research
28 institutions to finance approved research projects and necessary
29 institutional support services;

30 c. Ensure that funds appropriated to approved research projects
31 are not diverted to any other use;

32 d. Take steps necessary to encourage the development within
33 the State of research projects on:

34 (1) the causes of cancer; and

35 (2) pain management and palliative care for persons diagnosed
36 with cancer;

37 e. Compile a directory of all cancer research projects being
38 conducted in the State; and

39 f. Provide the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,
40 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), the Legislature, with a report by January 30
41 of each year describing the status of the commission's activities and
42 the results of its funded research efforts, which report shall include,
43 with respect to the pediatric cancer research fund established
44 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
45 Legislature as this bill), a summary of the use and impact of funds
46 expended in the prior fiscal year and any recommendations for

1 future initiatives or action regarding pediatric cancer research
2 funding.¹

3 (cf: P.L.2000, c.63, s.2)

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5 ¹**[3.] 6.**¹ Section 8 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-8) is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 8. \$1,000,000.00 shall be appropriated annually from the
8 Cancer Research Fund established by P.L.1982, c.40 (C.54:40A-8 et
9 al.) to effectuate the purposes of this act, except that only
10 \$500,000.00 shall be appropriated from the fund in fiscal year
11 1982-1983. The full amount of the annual appropriation from the
12 Cancer Research Fund mandated by this section to effectuate the
13 purposes of this act shall be made notwithstanding any monies
14 received by taxpayer voluntary contribution through gross income
15 tax return to any cancer research fund designated for a specific type
16 or category of cancer by State law.

17 (cf: P.L.1983, c.6, s.8)

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19 ¹**[4.] 7.**¹ This act shall take effect immediately and apply to
20 taxable years beginning on or after January 1 next following
21 enactment.

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26 Establishes “Pediatric Cancer Research Fund” and establishes
27 requirements for disbursement of monies deposited in fund;
28 provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income
29 tax returns for pediatric cancer research.

CHAPTER 210
(CORRECTED COPY OF CORRECTED COPY)

AN ACT concerning pediatric cancer research, supplementing chapter 9 of Title 54A of the New Jersey Statutes and supplementing and amending P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-1 et seq.).

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

C.54A:9-25.47 “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.”

1. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a special fund to be known as the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.”

b. Each taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on the taxpayer’s New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the taxpayer’s refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited in the special fund.

c. Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection or administration attributable to this act may be deducted from receipts collected pursuant to this act, as determined by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the Treasury. The State Treasurer shall deposit net contributions collected pursuant to this section to the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.”

d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all funds deposited in the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund” established pursuant to this section to the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research, established pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-4), for pediatric cancer research projects.

e. As used in this section, “pediatric cancer research project” means a scientific research project approved pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2021, c.210 (C.52:9U-6.4), which scientific research project focuses on the causes, prevention, education, screening, treatment, or cure of pediatric cancer, or the symptoms or effects experienced by patients following completion of a course of treatment for pediatric cancer, and may include, but shall not be limited to, basic, clinical, and epidemiologic research.

C.52:9U-6.4 Applications for grants.

2. The New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research, in consultation with the advisory group established pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2021, c.210 (C.52:9U-6.5), shall solicit, receive, evaluate and approve applications of qualifying research institutions for grants from the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund,” established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2021, c.210 (C.54A:9-25.47), to fund pediatric cancer research projects.

C.52:9U-6.5 Advisory group.

3. a. The New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research shall establish an advisory group within the commission which shall be responsible for advising the commission on how moneys from the fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2021, c.210 (C.54A:9-25.47) to support pediatric cancer research projects will be distributed by the commission.

b. The size and composition of the advisory group shall be at the discretion of the commission and shall be limited to individuals who either treat patients with pediatric cancer, conduct research into pediatric cancer, advocate to advance pediatric cancer research or treatment, or have been affected by their own or a family member’s diagnosis of pediatric cancer.

c. The advisory group shall meet at such times and frequencies as shall be required by the commission.

4. Section 3 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-3) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:9U-3 Definitions.

3. As used in this act:

"Approved research project" means a scientific research project, which is approved by the commission and which focuses on the genetic, biochemical, viral, microbiological and environmental causes of cancer, and may include, but is not limited to, behavioral, socio-economic, demographic and psychosocial research or research into methods of clinical treatment; or which focuses on pain management and palliative care for persons diagnosed with cancer.

"Commission" means the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research established pursuant to this act.

"Institutional support services" means all services, facilities, equipment, personnel and expenditures associated with the creation and maintenance of approved research projects.

"Pediatric cancer research project" means a scientific research project approved pursuant to this act, which scientific research project focuses on the causes, prevention, education, screening, treatment, or cure of pediatric cancer, or the symptoms or effects experienced by patients following completion of a course of treatment for pediatric cancer, and may include, but shall not be limited to, basic, clinical, and epidemiologic research.

"Qualifying research institution" means the Coriell Institute for Medical Research in Camden, New Jersey, Rutgers--The State University, Rowan University, Princeton University and any other institution approved by the commission, which is conducting an approved research project. For the purposes of sections 2 through 5 of P.L.2021, c.210 (C.52:9U-6.4 et al.), "qualifying research institution" may include academic medical institutions, State or local government agencies, public or private organizations within New Jersey, and any other institution approved by the commission, which is conducting a pediatric cancer research project.

5. Section 5 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-5) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:9U-5 Duties of commission.

5. The commission shall:

- a. Review and authorize approved research projects;
- b. Apportion all available funds to qualifying research institutions to finance approved research projects and necessary institutional support services;
- c. Ensure that funds appropriated to approved research projects are not diverted to any other use;
- d. Take steps necessary to encourage the development within the State of research projects on:
 - (1) the causes of cancer; and
 - (2) pain management and palliative care for persons diagnosed with cancer;
- e. Compile a directory of all cancer research projects being conducted in the State; and
- f. Provide the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), the Legislature, with a report by January 30 of each year describing the status of the commission's activities and the results of its funded research efforts, which report shall include, with respect to the pediatric cancer research fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2021, c.210 (C.54A:9-25.47), a summary of the use and impact of funds expended in

the prior fiscal year and any recommendations for future initiatives or action regarding pediatric cancer research funding.

6. Section 8 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-8) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:9U-8 Annual appropriation.

8. \$1,000,000.00 shall be appropriated annually from the Cancer Research Fund established by P.L.1982, c.40 (C.54:40A-8 et al.) to effectuate the purposes of this act, except that only \$500,000.00 shall be appropriated from the fund in fiscal year 1982-1983. The full amount of the annual appropriation from the Cancer Research Fund mandated by this section to effectuate the purposes of this act shall be made notwithstanding any monies received by taxpayer voluntary contribution through gross income tax return to any cancer research fund designated for a specific type or category of cancer by State law.

7. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1 next following enactment.

Approved September 16, 2021.

SENATE, No. 1431

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH PENNACCHIO

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Senator ANTHONY M. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris and Somerset)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators T.Kean and Singleton

SYNOPSIS

Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for pediatric cancer research.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/18/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning voluntary contributions through gross income
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14 taxpayer’s refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited in
15 the special fund.

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17 collection or administration attributable to this act may be deducted
18 from receipts collected pursuant to this act, as determined by the
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20 Department of the Treasury. The State Treasurer shall deposit net
21 contributions collected pursuant to this section to the “New Jersey
22 Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.”

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24 deposited in the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund”
25 established pursuant to this section to the New Jersey State
26 Commission on Cancer Research, established pursuant to section 4
27 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-4) for pediatric cancer research projects.
28 As used in this subsection “pediatric cancer research project” means
29 a scientific research project, which is approved by the commission
30 and which focuses on the causes, prevention, education, screening,
31 treatment or cure of pediatric cancer and may include, but is not
32 limited to, basic, clinical, and epidemiologic research.
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34 2. (New section) The New Jersey State Commission on Cancer
35 Research shall solicit, receive, evaluate and approve applications of
36 qualifying research institutions for grants from the “New Jersey
37 Pediatric Cancer Research Fund,” established pursuant to section 1
38 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
39 to conduct research relating to the causes, prevention, education,
40 screening, treatment and cure of pediatric cancer. As used in this
41 section, “qualified research institution” may include academic
42 medical institutions, State or local government agencies, public or
43 private organizations within New Jersey, and any other institution
44 approved by the commission, which is conducting a pediatric cancer
45 research project.

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 3. Section 8 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-8) is amended to read as
2 follows:

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4 Cancer Research Fund established by P.L.1982, c.40 (C.54:40A-8 et
5 al.) to effectuate the purposes of this act, except that only
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7 1982-1983. The full amount of the annual appropriation from the
8 Cancer Research Fund mandated by this section to effectuate the
9 purposes of this act shall be made notwithstanding any monies
10 received by taxpayer voluntary contribution through gross income
11 tax return to any cancer research fund designated for a specific type
12 or category of cancer by State law.
13 (cf: P.L.1983, c.6, s.8)

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15 4. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable
16 years beginning on or after January 1 next following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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21 This bill establishes the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research
22 Fund” and provides for a designation on the State gross income tax
23 return that will permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to
24 the fund to support pediatric cancer research projects that are
25 approved by the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research.

26 The incidence of pediatric cancer is ever increasing, and its
27 impact on society and the families of those affected, devastating,
28 yet surprisingly little progress is being made toward uncovering the
29 causes of childhood cancer and finding new and targeted therapies.
30 Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children under the
31 age of 15 in the United States, and every year, approximately
32 13,500 children and adolescents under age 20 are diagnosed with
33 cancer. More children lose their battle with cancer each year than
34 to AIDS, asthma, cystic fibrosis and diabetes combined. The
35 majority of those children that survive childhood cancer go on to
36 experience chronic medical problems as a result of their treatment,
37 detracting from their quality of life and diminishing their ability to
38 contribute fully to society.

39 Pediatric cancer encompasses multiple types and subtypes of
40 cancers, the causes of which are largely unknown. Unlike certain
41 adult cancers, pediatric cancer is not strongly linked to lifestyle and
42 strikes randomly, across all ethnic groups, socioeconomic class and
43 geographic regions. Currently, less than 5 percent of federal
44 funding for cancer research is dedicated specifically to
45 understanding and seeking cures for pediatric cancer, and only two
46 drugs specifically targeting childhood cancer have been approved in
47 the past 20 years.

S1431 PENNACCHIO, A.M.BUCCO

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1 This bill is in honor of Aaron Newton, a young boy in West
2 Milford, who recovered from cancer and whose parents, Kerrie and
3 Scott, advocate for awareness surrounding childhood cancer.

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1431

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 22, 2021

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1431 (1R).

This bill establishes in the Department of the Treasury a special fund to be known as the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.” Each taxpayer will have the opportunity to indicate on the taxpayer’s New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the taxpayer’s refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited in the special fund. All funds deposited in the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund” are to be annually appropriated to the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research (Commission) for pediatric cancer research projects.

The bill defines “pediatric cancer research project” to mean a scientific research project that focuses on the causes, prevention, education, screening, treatment, or cure of pediatric cancer, or the symptoms or effects experienced by patients following completion of a course of treatment for pediatric cancer. The term includes, but is not limited to, basic, clinical, and epidemiologic research. The bill amends the current statutory definition of “qualifying research institutions” to provide that, in the context of the pediatric cancer research fund, the term may include academic medical institutions, State or local government agencies, public or private organizations within New Jersey, and any other institution approved by the Commission that is conducting a pediatric cancer research project.

The Commission will solicit, receive, evaluate and approve applications of qualifying research institutions for grants from the fund to finance pediatric cancer research projects. The bill establishes an advisory group within the Commission, which will be responsible for advising the Commission on how moneys from the pediatric cancer research will be distributed. The size and composition of the advisory group will be at the discretion of the Commission, and will be limited to individuals who either treat patients with pediatric cancer, conduct research into pediatric cancer, advocate to advance pediatric cancer research or treatment, or have been affected by their own or a family member’s diagnosis of pediatric cancer. The advisory group will meet at such times and frequencies as required by the Commission.

The bill revises the current reporting requirements for the Commission to include, with respect to the pediatric cancer research fund, a summary of the use and impact of funds expended in the prior fiscal year and any recommendations for future initiatives or action regarding pediatric cancer research funding.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 1431 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3800, which the committee also reported on this date, with committee amendments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1431

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 9, 2021

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1431.

This bill establishes the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund” and provides for a designation on the State gross income tax return that will permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to the fund to support pediatric cancer research projects that are approved by the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research.

The incidence of pediatric cancer is ever increasing, and its impact on society and the families of those affected, devastating, yet surprisingly little progress is being made toward uncovering the causes of childhood cancer and finding new and targeted therapies. Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children under the age of 15 in the United States, and every year, approximately 13,500 children and adolescents under age 20 are diagnosed with cancer. More children lose their battle with cancer each year than to AIDS, asthma, cystic fibrosis and diabetes combined. The majority of those children that survive childhood cancer go on to experience chronic medical problems as a result of their treatment, detracting from their quality of life and diminishing their ability to contribute fully to society.

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SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1431

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 20, 2021

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1431, with committee amendments.

As amended by the committee, this bill establishes in the Department of the Treasury a special fund to be known as the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.” Each taxpayer will have the opportunity to indicate on the taxpayer’s New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the taxpayer’s refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited in the special fund. All funds deposited in the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund” are to be annually appropriated to the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research (Commission) for pediatric cancer research projects.

The bill, as amended, defines “pediatric cancer research project” to mean a scientific research project that focuses on the causes, prevention, education, screening, treatment, or cure of pediatric cancer, or the symptoms or effects experienced by patients following completion of a course of treatment for pediatric cancer. The term includes, but is not limited to, basic, clinical, and epidemiologic research. The bill amends the current statutory definition of “qualifying research institutions” to provide that, in the context of the pediatric cancer research fund, the term may include academic medical institutions, State or local government agencies, public or private organizations within New Jersey, and any other institution approved by the Commission that is conducting a pediatric cancer research project.

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As amended, the bill revises the current reporting requirements for the Commission to include, with respect to the pediatric cancer research fund, a summary of the use and impact of funds expended in the prior fiscal year and any recommendations for future initiatives or action regarding pediatric cancer research funding.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments revise the definition of “pediatric cancer research project” to include research involving the symptoms or effects experienced by patients following a course of treatment for pediatric cancer.

The committee amendments establish an advisory group within the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research to advise the Commission on how the monies deposited in the pediatric cancer research fund should be disbursed.

The committee amendments revise the current definition of “qualifying research institution” used in the “Cancer Research Act” to clarify how it applies in the context of the pediatric cancer research fund.

The committee amendments require the Commission to include in its annual report to the Governor and the Legislature information concerning the pediatric cancer research fund and recommendations for future initiatives or action regarding pediatric cancer research funding.

The committee amendments revise the title and synopsis of the bill and make various technical corrections to reflect the changes being made by committee amendment. The amendments also make certain technical changes to the current law involving formatting and a citation for reports to the Legislature.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3800

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 16, 2020

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman BETTYLOU DECROCE

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE

District 37 (Bergen)

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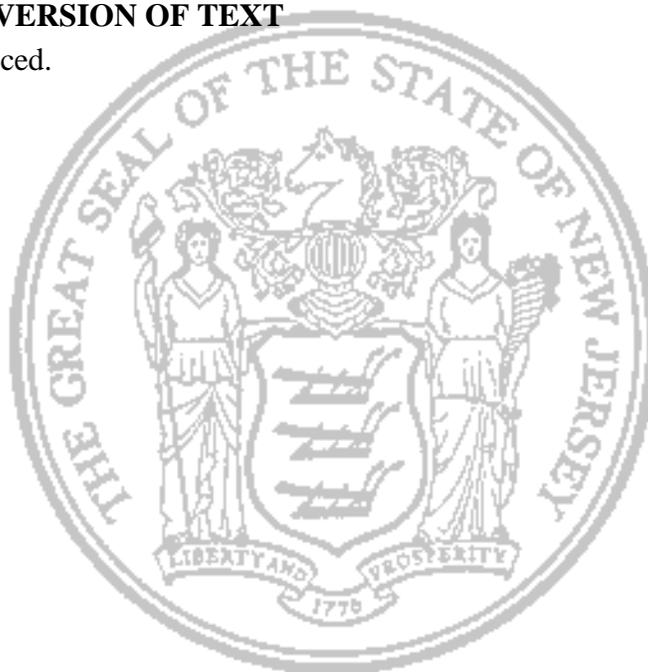
Assemblymen Webber, Zwicker, Dancer, Holley, Assemblywomen N.Munoz, Stanfield, Assemblymen Benson, and Scharfenberger

SYNOPSIS

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20 Department of the Treasury. The State Treasurer shall deposit net
21 contributions collected pursuant to this section to the “New Jersey
22 Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.”

23 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all funds
24 deposited in the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund”
25 established pursuant to this section to the New Jersey State
26 Commission on Cancer Research, established pursuant to section 4
27 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-4) for pediatric cancer research projects.
28 As used in this subsection “pediatric cancer research project” means
29 a scientific research project, which is approved by the commission
30 and which focuses on the causes, prevention, education, screening,
31 treatment or cure of pediatric cancer and may include, but is not
32 limited to, basic, clinical, and epidemiologic research.
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34 2. (New section) The New Jersey State Commission on Cancer
35 Research shall solicit, receive, evaluate and approve applications of
36 qualifying research institutions for grants from the “New Jersey
37 Pediatric Cancer Research Fund,” established pursuant to section 1
38 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
39 to conduct research relating to the causes, prevention, education,
40 screening, treatment and cure of pediatric cancer. As used in this
41 section, “qualified research institution” may include academic
42 medical institutions, State or local government agencies, public or
43 private organizations within New Jersey, and any other institution
44 approved by the commission, which is conducting a pediatric cancer
45 research project.

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.

1 3. Section 8 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-8) is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 8. \$1,000,000.00 shall be appropriated annually from the
4 Cancer Research Fund established by P.L.1982, c.40 (C.54:40A-8 et
5 al.) to effectuate the purposes of this act, except that only
6 \$500,000.00 shall be appropriated from the fund in fiscal year
7 1982-1983. The full amount of the annual appropriation from the
8 Cancer Research Fund mandated by this section to effectuate the
9 purposes of this act shall be made notwithstanding any monies
10 received by taxpayer voluntary contribution through gross income
11 tax return to any cancer research fund designated for a specific type
12 or category of cancer by State law.
13 (cf: P.L.1983, c.6, s.8)

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15 4. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable
16 years beginning on or after January 1 next following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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21 This bill establishes the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research
22 Fund” and provides for a designation on the State gross income tax
23 return that will permit taxpayers to make voluntary contributions to
24 the fund to support pediatric cancer research projects that are
25 approved by the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research.

26 The incidence of pediatric cancer is ever increasing, and its
27 impact on society and the families of those affected, devastating,
28 yet surprisingly little progress is being made toward uncovering the
29 causes of childhood cancer and finding new and targeted therapies.
30 Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children under the
31 age of 15 in the United States, and every year, approximately
32 13,500 children and adolescents under age 20 are diagnosed with
33 cancer. More children lose their battle with cancer each year than
34 to AIDS, asthma, cystic fibrosis and diabetes combined. The
35 majority of those children that survive childhood cancer go on to
36 experience chronic medical problems as a result of their treatment,
37 detracting from their quality of life and diminishing their ability to
38 contribute fully to society.

39 Pediatric cancer encompasses multiple types and subtypes of
40 cancers, the causes of which are largely unknown. Unlike certain
41 adult cancers, pediatric cancer is not strongly linked to lifestyle and
42 strikes randomly, across all ethnic groups, socioeconomic class and
43 geographic regions. Currently, less than 5 percent of federal
44 funding for cancer research is dedicated specifically to
45 understanding and seeking cures for pediatric cancer, and only two
46 drugs specifically targeting childhood cancer have been approved in
47 the past 20 years.

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1 This bill is in honor of Aaron Newton, a young boy in West
2 Milford, who recovered from cancer and whose parents, Kerrie and
3 Scott, advocate for awareness surrounding childhood cancer.

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3800

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 22, 2021

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 3800.

As amended by the committee, this bill establishes in the Department of the Treasury a special fund to be known as the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.” Each taxpayer will have the opportunity to indicate on the taxpayer’s New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the taxpayer’s refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited in the special fund. All funds deposited in the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund” are to be annually appropriated to the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research (Commission) for pediatric cancer research projects.

The bill, as amended, defines “pediatric cancer research project” to mean a scientific research project that focuses on the causes, prevention, education, screening, treatment, or cure of pediatric cancer, or the symptoms or effects experienced by patients following completion of a course of treatment for pediatric cancer. The term includes, but is not limited to, basic, clinical, and epidemiologic research. The bill amends the current statutory definition of “qualifying research institutions” to provide that, in the context of the pediatric cancer research fund, the term may include academic medical institutions, State or local government agencies, public or private organizations within New Jersey, and any other institution approved by the Commission that is conducting a pediatric cancer research project.

The Commission will solicit, receive, evaluate and approve applications of qualifying research institutions for grants from the fund to finance pediatric cancer research projects. The bill establishes an advisory group within the Commission, which will be responsible for advising the Commission on how moneys from the pediatric cancer research will be distributed. The size and composition of the advisory group will be at the discretion of the Commission, and will be limited to individuals who either treat patients with pediatric cancer, conduct research into pediatric cancer, advocate to advance pediatric cancer research or treatment, or have been affected by their own or a family member’s diagnosis of pediatric cancer. The advisory group will meet at such times and frequencies as required by the Commission.

As amended, the bill revises the current reporting requirements for the Commission to include, with respect to the pediatric cancer research fund, a summary of the use and impact of funds expended in the prior fiscal year and any recommendations for future initiatives or action regarding pediatric cancer research funding.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 3800 is identical to Senate Bill No. 1431 (1R), which the committee also reported on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments revise the definition of “pediatric cancer research project” to include research involving the symptoms or effects experienced by patients following a course of treatment for pediatric cancer.

The committee amendments establish an advisory group within the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research to advise the Commission on how the monies deposited in the pediatric cancer research fund should be disbursed.

The committee amendments revise the current definition of “qualifying research institution” used in the “Cancer Research Act” to clarify how it applies in the context of the pediatric cancer research fund.

The committee amendments require the Commission to include in its annual report to the Governor and the Legislature information concerning the pediatric cancer research fund and recommendations for future initiatives or action regarding pediatric cancer research funding.

The committee amendments revise the title and synopsis of the bill and make various technical corrections to reflect the changes being made by committee amendment. The amendments also make certain technical changes to the current law involving formatting and a citation for reports to the Legislature.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.