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See newspaper clippings--attached:

"New bill to provide AIDS help," 4-12-95, Courier News.

"Whitman signs bills to help AIDS patients," 4-12-95, Atlantic City Press.

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P.L.1995. CHAPTER 75. *approved April 11, 1995*  
1994 Senate No. 1551

1 AN ACT concerning the provision of supportive housing for  
2 certain persons diagnosed with HIV or AIDS and their families,  
3 supplementing chapter 14 of Title 55 of the New Jersey  
4 Statutes and making an appropriation.

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

8 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

9 a. Many adults living with human immunodeficiency virus  
10 (HIV) or who have been diagnosed with acquired immune  
11 deficiency syndrome (AIDS) in New Jersey are currently homeless  
12 or at risk of homelessness. These persons would benefit greatly  
13 from a supportive housing program which coordinates community  
14 support services, including case management, counselling,  
15 assistance with tasks of daily living and medical treatment, while  
16 also providing shelter and services to their immediate families on  
17 a permanent basis;

18 b. Many existing State programs do not have the resources  
19 necessary to provide a supportive housing program which  
20 accommodates the need for a continuum of care for persons  
21 living with HIV or AIDS and support for their immediate families;

22 c. The inadequate supply of affordable supportive housing for  
23 persons living with HIV or AIDS results in excess health care  
24 costs, hinders the ability of service providers to deliver the most  
25 cost efficient services to such persons, and frequently leads to  
26 the premature placement of dependent children into the child  
27 welfare system;

28 d. The Scattered Site AIDS Permanent Housing Program in the  
29 New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency will be  
30 administered by the agency in cooperation with the New Jersey  
31 Department of Health, the New Jersey Department of Human  
32 Services, the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust, and the United  
33 States Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide  
34 housing opportunities for persons with HIV or AIDS, and their  
35 families; and

36 e. In order for these persons to continue to live independently,  
37 it is only fitting and proper that this program be established in  
38 law and be provided with the resources necessary to carry out its  
39 vital work.

40 2. As used in this act, unless a different meaning clearly  
41 appears from the context:

42 "Agency" means the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage  
43 Finance Agency

44 "Emancipated minor" means a person who is under 18 years of  
45 age, but who has been married, has entered military service, has

1 a child or is pregnant, or has previously been declared by a court  
2 or an administrative agency to be emancipated.

3 "Immediate family" means the participant's spouse or partner,  
4 dependent children, parent or caregiver.

5 "Participant" means a person who is eligible to receive housing  
6 and services for himself and his immediate family in the  
7 Scattered Site AIDS Permanent Housing Program. To be eligible  
8 a participant must be:

9 a. Over the age of 18, or an emancipated minor;

10 b. Certified in writing by a medical professional as being  
11 HIV positive or having AIDS;

12 c. Eligible for a housing subsidy under section 8 of the  
13 federal Housing Act of 1937, 42 U.S.C. §1437f;

14 d. Homeless or at risk of homelessness and in need of  
15 permanent, affordable housing and support services in order to  
16 maintain an independent and healthy lifestyle, and

17 e. Willing to abide by certain stated program regulations.

18 "Project" means the part of the program that is developed,  
19 operated and maintained by a particular sponsor.

20 "Scattered Site AIDS Permanent Housing Program" or  
21 "program" means the supportive housing program of the New  
22 Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency which has been  
23 designed for participants with HIV or AIDS and their immediate  
24 families.

25 "Sponsor" means a nonprofit organization which was selected  
26 as a partner in the development and ongoing operation of a  
27 project of the program in the request for proposal process  
28 executed by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance  
29 Agency in May, 1994.

30 "Supportive housing" means permanent affordable housing for  
31 participants and their immediate families combined with certain  
32 services as determined by individual needs, which may change  
33 over time.

34 3. There is established within the agency the "Scattered Site  
35 AIDS Permanent Housing Program," a program to provide  
36 supportive housing to participants and their immediate families.

37 4. There is established within the agency a "Supportive  
38 Housing Fund," which shall be a nonlapsing, revolving fund and  
39 which shall be the repository for funds appropriated or otherwise  
40 made available for the purposes of this act, and any interest  
41 earned thereon. The fund shall be administered by the agency, in  
42 accordance with its authority under section 5 of P.L.1983, c.530  
43 (C.55:14K-5) to manage funds for housing programs.

44 5. There is established within the agency a statewide steering  
45 committee for the Scattered Site AIDS Permanent Housing  
46 Program. The committee shall be comprised of representatives  
47 of: the agency, the Department of Health, the Department of  
48 Human Services, and project sponsors. Representatives will be  
49 appointed by the executive director, commissioner or project  
50 sponsor, as appropriate.

51 It shall be the duty of the steering committee to address issues  
52 that affect all projects in the program including, but not limited  
53 to: pursuing opportunities for additional grant funds, developing  
54 and revising policies related to supportive services and

1 property management, nurturing statewide community relations,  
2 and evaluating the supportive housing program on an ongoing  
3 basis.

4 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.1987, c.370  
5 (C.26:2-148 et seq.), there is appropriated from the Catastrophic  
6 Illness in Children Relief Fund created pursuant to section 3 of  
7 P.L.1987, c. 370 (C.26:2-150) to the Scattered Site AIDS  
8 Permanent Housing Program of the New Jersey Housing and  
9 Mortgage Finance Agency the amount of \$2,000,000 for the  
10 following purposes:

- 11 a. \$1,000,000 for capital costs;
- 12 b. \$1,000,000 for home-based health care services.
- 13 7. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### 16 STATEMENT

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18 This bill would establish within the New Jersey Housing and  
19 Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA) a fund for use in the  
20 development and operation of the Scattered Site AIDS Permanent  
21 Housing Program, which will serve people living with HIV or AIDS  
22 and their immediate families. This program will create 44 units  
23 of housing at scattered sites in six urban areas of New Jersey.  
24 The sponsors of the program, which are nonprofit organizations  
25 which have been selected to become a partner in the development  
26 and ongoing operation of a specific project, will develop, operate  
27 and maintain those units and will provide certain goods and  
28 services to the residents of the program which will enable those  
29 residents to live independently with their immediate families.  
30 The bill also creates a Supportive Housing Fund to fund the  
31 program, which would be managed by the HMFA to carry out the  
32 purposes of the bill. The program and fund are necessary to help  
33 meet the skilled nursing, personal assistance, housing and child  
34 care needs of people who are not receiving services under  
35 Medicaid and other existing programs.

36 The bill would appropriate \$2,000,000 from the Catastrophic  
37 Illness in Children Relief Fund to the New Jersey Housing and  
38 Mortgage Finance Agency to effectuate the purposes of this act.

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44 Creates supportive housing program and fund to assist certain  
persons with HIV or AIDS; appropriates \$2 million.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1551**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 19, 1995

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1551.

Senate Bill No. 1551 establishes a fund within the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA) for the development and operation of the Scattered Site AIDS Permanent Housing Program, also established by this bill. The program will provide affordable supportive housing with coordinated community services for persons with HIV or AIDS and their immediate families.

According to the sponsor, the program will establish 44 housing units at sites in six urban areas of the State. The purpose of the bill is to meet the nursing, personal assistance, housing and child care needs of people who are not receiving services under Medicaid and other existing programs.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2312, also considered and reported by the committee on this date.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The bill appropriates \$2 million from the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund to the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency for the implementation of the program established by the bill. The bill specifies that \$1 million is to be used for capital costs and \$1 million for home-based health care services.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1551

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 21, 1994

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1551.

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## NEWS RELEASE

**CN-001****Contact:** CARL GOLDEN  
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APRIL 11, 1995

Gov. Christie Whitman today signed legislation creating a \$2 million program to provide community support, counseling, medical treatment and shelter for persons suffering from the AIDS virus.

Officially known as the "Scattered Site AIDS Permanent Housing Program," the legislation directs the State Housing Mortgage Finance Agency to administer the program, and to seek Federal grant funds to assist in meeting the cost.

The bill appropriates \$2 million from the Catastrophic Illness in Children Fund --- \$1 million for capital costs and \$1 million for home-based health services.

The bill, S-1551, was sponsored by Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, R-Union, and Sen. John Bennett, R-Monmouth.

The Governor also signed legislation to establish standby guardianships for terminally ill persons. It permits custodial parents or legal custodians who have terminal illnesses or chronic disabilities to provide for the guardianship of their children prior to entering into a debilitated state.

The bill, S-1585, was sponsored by Senate President Donald DiFrancesco, R-Union, and Sen. Wynona Lipman, D-Essex.