

ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2798**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2798.

This bill prohibits the Department of Human Services from using any income earned in supporting a health promotion or disease prevention program as an hourly employee of a community-based organization, local health department, or other similar organization in determining an applicant's income eligibility, or re-determining a beneficiary's income eligibility, for the Medicaid program, the NJ FamilyCare program, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Under the bill, "disease prevention program" means a program that involves actions or efforts to reduce or eliminate exposure to risks that might increase the chances that an individual or a community will incur disease. "Health promotion program" means a program that engages and empowers individuals and communities to develop behaviors that improve and maintain an individual's health.