

CHAPTER 17

AN ACT TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, P.L.2023, c.74.

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.2023, c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, there are appropriated from the General Fund the following amounts for the purposes specified:

26 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	
10 Public Safety and Criminal Justice	
16 Detention and Rehabilitation	
DIRECT STATE SERVICES	
08-7040 Institutional Care and Treatment	\$2,500,000
99-7040 Administration and Support Services	<u>\$7,300,000</u>
Total Direct State Services appropriation,	
Detention and Rehabilitation	<u>\$9,800,000</u>
Direct State Services:	
Materials and Supplies	(\$9,800,000)

54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	
50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security	
53 Economic Assistance and Security	
7550 Division of Family Development	
STATE AID	
15-7550 Income Maintenance Management	<u>\$12,111,000</u>
Total State Aid Appropriation,	
Division of Family Development	<u>\$12,111,000</u>
State Aid:	
15 Payments for Cost of	
General Assistance	(\$7,918,000)
15 Payments for Supplemental Security Income	(\$4,193,000)

2. The following item in section 1 of P.L.2023, c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, is amended as follows:

82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY	
50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security	
51 Economic Planning and Development	
GRANTS-IN-AID	
38-2043 Economic Development	<u>\$299,682,000</u>
Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation,	
Economic Planning and Development	<u>\$299,682,000</u>
Grants-in-Aid:	

3. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2023, c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, there are appropriated from the Property Tax Relief Fund the following amounts for the purposes specified:

34 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	
30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development	
31 Direct Educational Services and Assistance	
STATE AID	
01-5120 General Formula Aid	\$6,764,000
(From Property Tax Relief Fund	\$6,764,000)
36-5120 Student Transportation	<u>\$4,455,000</u>
(From Property Tax Relief Fund	\$4,455,000)
Total State Aid Appropriation,	
Direct Educational Services and Assistance	<u>\$11,219,000</u>
(From Property Tax Relief Fund	\$11,219,000)
State Aid:	
01 Equalization Aid (PTRF)	(\$6,764,000)
36 Transportation Aid (PTRF)	(\$4,455,000)

54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
20 Physical and Mental Health
23 Behavioral Health Services
7700 Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
STATE AID

08-7700 Community Services	\$4,300,000
<i>(From Property Tax Relief Fund</i>	<i>\$4,300,000)</i>
Total State Aid Appropriation,	
Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services	\$4,300,000
<i>(From Property Tax Relief Fund</i>	<i>\$4,300,000)</i>
State Aid:	
08 Support of Patients in County Psychiatric Hospitals (PTRF)	(\$4,300,000)

4. The following language provisions are added to section 1 of P.L.2023, c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, as follows:

46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
20 Physical and Mental Health
22 Health Planning and Evaluation
GRANTS-IN-AID

Of the amounts hereinabove appropriated to Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health – Community Health Projects, amounts may be transferred to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services and are appropriated, consistent with CMS guidelines, solely to maximize federal Medicaid payments to faculty physicians and non-physician professionals who are affiliated with Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
20 Physical and Mental Health
24 Special Health Services
7540 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services
GRANTS-IN-AID

Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, \$50,000,000 of the amounts received by the State pursuant to P.L.2020, c.145 (C.17:48E-46.1 et al.) and on deposit in the Health Care Affordability and Accessibility Fund, are appropriated to the Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services to fund Medical Coverage – Title XIX Parents and Children in the General Medical Services program classification, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security
51 Economic Planning and Development
GRANTS-IN-AID

Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.2023, c.97 (C.34:1B-4.2 et al.), or the provisions of any other law or regulation to the contrary, \$10,000,000 of the amount appropriated pursuant to section 9 of P.L.2023, c.97 for Film-Lease Partner Facility Investments, EDA (P.L.2023, c.97) shall be used by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for programs, projects, and initiatives that support the film and digital media industry, as determined by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

From the amount hereinabove appropriated for Real Estate Projects Funding, EDA, such amounts as may be required may be transferred to the Economic Recovery Fund – Strategic Innovation Centers and Maternal and Infant Health Innovation Center, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

5. The following language provision in section 1 of P.L.2023, c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, is amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, amounts hereinabove appropriated for Preschool Education Aid shall be allocated as follows: 1) in the case of a district that received Early Launch to Learning Initiative aid in the 2007-2008 school year, an amount equal to the district's 2007-2008 allocation of Early Launch to Learning Initiative aid; 2) in the case of a school district that received a 2008-2009 allocation of Preschool Education Aid based on its 2007-2008 Early Childhood Program Aid allocation, an aid amount equal to the district's 2022-2023 per pupil allocation of Preschool Education Aid inflated by the CPI and multiplied by the district's projected preschool enrollment, except in the case of a school district that participated in the federal Preschool Expansion Grant in 2018-2019, districts that received an allocation of Preschool Education Expansion Aid in 2017-2018 or 2018-2019, and districts that received an allocation of Preschool

Education Aid through the competitive process administered by the Commissioner of Education which began in 2019-2020; 3) in the case of any other district with an allocation of Preschool Education Aid in the 2022-2023 school year calculated using the provisions of section 12 of P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-54), districts that participated in the federal Preschool Expansion Grant in 2018-2019, districts that received an allocation of Preschool Education Expansion Aid in 2017-2018 or 2018-2019, or districts that received an allocation of Preschool Education Aid through the competitive process administered by the Commissioner of Education which began in 2019-2020, an amount calculated in accordance with those provisions based upon 2023-2024 projected FTE enrollments, and multiplied by the per pupil allocations as set forth in the March 2023 State Aid notice issued by the commissioner. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, of the amounts hereinabove appropriated for Preschool Education Aid, an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 shall be allocated in amounts to be determined by the Commissioner of Education: 1) to districts in total additional preschool funding for the purpose of expanding free access to full-day preschool for resident three- and four-year old children in accordance with the preschool quality standards issued by the commissioner and based on a district's demonstration of its readiness to operate a preschool program consistent with those standards; and 2) to the Department of Education to address workforce preparation and training and other ancillary needs related to preschool expansion. A school district that receives Preschool Education Aid for the first time in the 2023-2024 school year shall demonstrate, in its application, due diligence in establishing partnerships to provide its preschool program through a mixed-delivery system in all licensed child care providers and Head Start programs in its community or neighboring communities that are willing and able to meet all preschool program requirements. The Department of Education, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Human Services shall post on the departments' Internet websites, no later than July 14, 2023, a list of all districts eligible to apply for Preschool Education Aid and a list of all child care providers and Head Start programs in each eligible district's community, as well as neighboring communities, and contact information for those providers. The Department of Education, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Human Services shall, in consultation with school districts, licensed child care providers, Head Start programs, and other stakeholders identified by the Commissioner of Education, provide a report to the Legislature, on or before March 1, 2024, on the status of preschool education in the State, generally, and on the efficacy of the mixed-delivery model of preschool education. The Department of Education may utilize up to \$250,000 of Preschool Education Aid to contract temporary staff to assist with preparation of a report on the efficacy of the mixed-delivery model of preschool education as provided herein.

6. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved June 28, 2024.