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**SYNOPSIS**

Increases amount of benefits under Work First New Jersey program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on March 7, 2016,  
with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/28/2016)

1 AN ACT concerning Work First New Jersey benefits and  
2 supplementing P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq.).

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

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7 1. Notwithstanding any regulation to the contrary, the  
8 maximum benefit levels provided to <sup>1</sup>**[families participating in**  
9 **the]**<sup>1</sup> Work First New Jersey <sup>1</sup>**[Temporary Assistance to Needy**  
10 **Families program]** recipients<sup>1</sup> shall increase according to the  
11 following schedule:

12 a. For Fiscal Year 2017, the maximum benefit levels shall be  
13 10 percent higher than the maximum benefits levels in effect during  
14 Fiscal Year 2016.

15 b. For Fiscal Year 2018, the maximum benefit levels shall be  
16 20 percent higher than the maximum benefits levels in effect during  
17 Fiscal Year 2016.

18 c. For Fiscal Year 2019, the maximum benefit levels shall be  
19 30 percent higher than the maximum benefits levels in effect during  
20 Fiscal Year 2016.

21 d. For Fiscal Year 2020 and each year thereafter, the maximum  
22 benefit levels shall be annually adjusted according to the cost of  
23 living adjustment applied under the federal Social Security  
24 program.

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26 2. The Commissioner of Human Services shall apply for such  
27 State plan amendments <sup>1</sup>**[or waivers]**<sup>1</sup> as may be necessary to  
28 implement the provisions of this act and to secure federal financial  
29 participation for State <sup>1</sup>**[Medicaid]**<sup>1</sup> expenditures under the federal  
30 <sup>1</sup>**[Medicaid]** Temporary Assistance to Needy Families<sup>1</sup> program.

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32 3. The Commissioner of Human Services, in accordance with  
33 the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1  
34 et seq.), shall adopt such rules and regulations as the commissioner  
35 deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

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37 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted March 7, 2016.