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SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to use funds awarded from performance bonuses to increase staffing for processing certain applications and providing certain services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning funds received by the Department of Human
2 Services and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. The Commissioner of Human Services shall use any
8 funds received by the Department of Human Services, as a result of
9 a performance bonus awarded to the department, for the purpose of
10 increasing the number of trained personnel available to process
11 applications for nutrition and public assistance and to provide
12 services to individuals eligible for services from the department, as
13 provided for in this section.

14 b. In the case of a performance bonus awarded for providing
15 assistance under:

16 (1) the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program established
17 pursuant to the "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7
18 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.), the funds from the bonus shall be used to
19 increase the number of trained personnel available to provide for
20 the timely processing of applications for nutrition assistance under
21 the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; and

22 (2) the Work First New Jersey Program established pursuant to
23 P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-55 et seq.), the funds from the bonus shall
24 be used to increase the number of trained personnel available to
25 provide for the timely processing of applications for public
26 assistance under the Work First New Jersey Program.

27 c. In the case of a performance bonus awarded for providing
28 services to:

29 (1) individuals with developmental disabilities, the funds from
30 the bonus shall be used to increase the number of trained personnel
31 available to staff facilities defined in section 3 of P.L.1977, c.82
32 (C.30:6D-3) for individuals with developmental disabilities.

33 (2) individuals with mental illness, the funds from the bonus
34 shall be used to increase the number of trained personnel available
35 to staff State psychiatric hospitals listed in R.S.30:1-7 and
36 community residences for the mentally ill defined in section 2 of
37 P.L.1977, c.448 (C.30:11B-2).

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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to use
45 funds received by the Department of Human Services (DHS), as a
46 result of a performance bonus awarded to DHS, for the purpose of
47 increasing the number of trained personnel available to process
48 applications for nutrition assistance under the Supplemental

1 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food
2 stamps, and public assistance under the Work First New Jersey
3 program, and for providing services to certain individuals served by
4 DHS.

5 If the bonus was awarded for performance in providing
6 assistance under SNAP, the funds are to be used to increase the
7 number of trained personnel available to timely process SNAP
8 applications. Similarly, if the bonus was awarded for performance
9 in providing public assistance under the Work First New Jersey
10 Program, the funds would be used to increase personnel for timely
11 processing of applications under that program.

12 In the case of performance bonuses awarded for providing
13 services to individuals with developmental disabilities and
14 individuals with mental illness, the funds from the bonuses would
15 be used to increase the number of trained personnel available to
16 staff facilities for these individuals.