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SYNOPSIS

Supports activities of New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program, Inc.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/29/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning the New Jersey Manufacturing Extension
2 Program, Inc. and amending P.L.1992, c.43.

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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. Section 9 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-9) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 9. a. A restricted, nonlapsing, revolving Workforce
10 Development Partnership Fund, to be managed and invested by the
11 State Treasurer, is hereby established to: provide employment and
12 training services to qualified displaced, disadvantaged and
13 employed workers by means of training grants or customized
14 training services; provide for the other costs indicated in subsection
15 a. of section 4 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-4); support the activities
16 of the New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program, Inc. or an
17 appropriate successor; provide for the New Jersey Innovation and
18 Research Fellowship Program as provided for in section 3 of
19 P.L.2015, c.235 (C.34:15D-26); provide for the Talent Network
20 Program as provided for in section 2 of P.L.2019, c.125 (C.34:15D-
21 29); and facilitate the provision of education and training to youth
22 by means of grants provided by the Youth Transitions to Work
23 Partnership pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1993, c.268
24 (C.34:15E-1 et al.). All appropriations to the fund, all interest
25 accumulated on balances in the fund and all cash received for the
26 fund from any other source shall be used solely for the purposes
27 specifically delineated by this act.

28 b. During any fiscal year beginning after June 30, 2001, of the
29 total revenues dedicated to the program during any one fiscal year:
30 25% shall be deposited in an account of the Workforce
31 Development Partnership Fund reserved to provide employment and
32 training services for qualified displaced workers, and through fiscal
33 year 2023, not less than 10% of the revenues deposited in that
34 account shall be reserved to provide employment and training
35 services to qualified displaced workers in the pursuit of industry-
36 valued credentials under the pilot program established pursuant to
37 P.L.2019, c.252 (C.34:15D-30 et al.); and during any fiscal year
38 beginning after June 30, 2019, 0.5% shall be deposited in an
39 account of the Workforce Development Partnership Fund reserved
40 for an appropriated to the Department of Labor and Workforce
41 Development for the Apprenticeship Start-Up Grant Program
42 created pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2019, c.417 (C.34:15D-6.1);
43 6% shall be deposited in an account of the Workforce Development
44 Partnership Fund reserved to provide employment and training
45 services for qualified disadvantaged workers, and through fiscal

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.

1 year 2023, not less than 10% of the revenues deposited in that
2 account shall be reserved to provide employment and training
3 services to qualified disadvantaged workers in the pursuit of
4 industry-valued credentials under the pilot program established
5 pursuant to P.L.2019, c.252 (C.34:15D-30 et al.); 37% minus \$1.5
6 million shall be deposited in an account of the Workforce
7 Development Partnership Fund reserved for and appropriated to the
8 Office of Customized Training; 5% shall be deposited in an account
9 of the Workforce Development Partnership Fund reserved for the
10 Youth Transitions to Work Partnership created pursuant to
11 P.L.1993, c.268 (C.34:15E-1 et seq.); 3% shall be deposited in an
12 account of the Workforce Development Partnership Fund reserved
13 for occupational safety and health training; 5% shall be deposited in
14 an account of the Workforce Development Partnership Fund
15 reserved for and appropriated to the Talent Network Program
16 established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2019, c.125 (C.34:15D-29);
17 3% shall be deposited in an account of the Workforce Development
18 Partnership Fund reserved for the New Jersey Innovation and
19 Research Fellowship Program established pursuant to section 3 of
20 P.L.2015, c.235 (C.34:15D-26); 10% shall be deposited in an
21 account of the Workforce Development Partnership Fund reserved
22 for administrative costs as defined in section 3 of P.L.1992, c.43
23 (C.34:15D-3); \$1.5 million shall be deposited in an account of the
24 Workforce Development Partnership Fund reserved to support the
25 activities of the New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program, Inc.
26 or an appropriate successor; 0.5% shall be deposited in an account
27 of the Workforce Development Partnership Fund reserved for the
28 State Employment and Training Commission to design criteria and
29 conduct an annual evaluation of the program; and 5% shall be
30 deposited in an account of the Workforce Development Partnership
31 Fund to be used, at the discretion of the commissioner, for any of
32 the purposes indicated in subsection a. of section 4 of P.L.1992,
33 c.43 (C.34:15D-4).

34 c. Beginning January 1, 1995, through June 30, 2002, the
35 balance in the fund as of the previous December 31, as determined
36 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, shall
37 not exceed 1.5 times the amount of contributions deposited for the
38 calendar year then ended. If the balance exceeds this amount, the
39 excess shall be deposited into the unemployment compensation
40 fund within seven business days of the date that the determination is
41 made.

42 d. Beginning July 1, 2002, and for any subsequent fiscal year,
43 if the unexpended cash balance in any of the accounts indicated in
44 subsection b. of this section, except for the account reserved for the
45 Talent Network Program, less any amount awarded in grants but not
46 yet disbursed from the account, is determined to exceed 20% of the
47 amount of contributions collected for deposit in the account
48 pursuant to this subsection during the fiscal year then ended, the

1 excess shall be regarded as an unemployment compensation
2 contribution and deposited into the unemployment compensation
3 fund within seven business days of the date that the determination is
4 made. If the unexpended cash balance in the account reserved for
5 the Talent Network Program, less any amount awarded in grants but
6 not yet disbursed from the account, is determined to exceed 20% of
7 the amount of contributions collected for deposit in the account
8 pursuant to this subsection during the fiscal year then ended, the
9 excess shall be deposited into the Workforce Development
10 Partnership Fund account reserved for the Office of Customized
11 Training.

12 e. \$250,000 shall be allocated to the Apprentice Assistance and
13 Support Services Pilot Program established pursuant to section 1 of
14 P.L.2019, c.419 (C.34:15D-6.2) from the \$29,690,000 which was
15 appropriated pursuant to the annual appropriations act for State
16 fiscal year 2019 from the Workforce Development Partnership Fund
17 for the purpose of funding Work First New Jersey Work Activities
18 and Work First New Jersey-Training Related Expenses, and,
19 \$1,100,000 shall be allocated to the pilot program in each of fiscal
20 years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 from the amounts
21 appropriated pursuant to the annual appropriations act in those
22 fiscal years from the Workforce Development Partnership Fund for
23 the purpose of funding Work First New Jersey Work Activities and
24 Work First New Jersey-Training Related Expenses. Of the funds
25 allocated to the pilot program pursuant to this subsection, 90% shall
26 be dedicated to the Child Care Stipend program and 10% to
27 transportation reimbursement.

28 (cf: P.L.2019, c.419, s.2)

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill would establish a permanent new source of funding of
36 up to \$1.5 million for the New Jersey Manufacturing Extension
37 Program, Inc., (NJMEP) or an appropriate successor from the
38 Workforce Development Partnership Fund.

39 The NJMEP is a private, non-profit organization that seeks to
40 improve the profitability and competitiveness of manufacturers in
41 this State. NJMEP helps organizations to enhance their
42 productivity and efficiencies, reduce costs, and improve employee
43 performance.

44 Under current law, of the total revenues dedicated to the
45 Workforce Development Partnership Funds, 37% is reserved for
46 and appropriated to the Office of Customized Training. The bill
47 reduces this allocation by \$1.5 million.