

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3856

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Makes FY 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$10 million for healthcare and residential facility sanitation due to coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/19/2020)

1 A SUPPLEMENT to "An Act making appropriations for the support  
2 of the State Government and the several public purposes for the  
3 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 and regulating the disbursement  
4 thereof," approved June 30, 2019 (P.L.2019, c.150).

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6 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and the General Assembly of the  
7 State of New Jersey:

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9 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2019,  
10 c.150, there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following  
11 sum for the purpose specified:  
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**94 INTERDEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS**

*70 Government Direction, Management and Control*

*74 General Government Subsidies*

*9420 Other InterDepartmental Accounts*

**GRANTS-IN-AID**

04-9420	Other	Interdepartmental	Accounts	\$10,000,000
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Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation,				
	Other	Interdepartmental	Accounts	
.....				\$10,000,000

***Grants-in-Aid:***

04 Health Care and Residential Facility  
Sanitation.....  
(\$10,000,000)

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14 The amount herein appropriated for Health Care and Residential  
15 Facility Sanitation shall be used to provide financial assistance to  
16 certain health care and residential facilities in meeting the sanitation  
17 demands imposed by the coronavirus disease 2019, also known as  
18 COVID-19, outbreak. These facilities shall be limited to: nursing  
19 homes; long-term care facilities; Program of All-inclusive Care for  
20 the Elderly, or PACE, facilities; federally qualified health centers;  
21 urgent care facilities; retirement centers; senior centers;  
22 intermediate care facilities; State developmental centers; group  
23 homes for individuals with medical needs; State psychiatric  
24 hospitals; post-acute rehabilitation centers; medical day care  
25 centers; residential schools for children with complex medical  
26 needs; group homes for individuals with mental health, substance  
27 use, or behavioral health conditions; and homeless shelters. No  
28 later than five days following the effective date of P.L. , c.  
29 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the Director of the  
30 Division of Budget and Accounting, in collaboration with  
31 Commissioners of Health, Human Services, Children and Families,  
32 and Community Affairs, shall determine the methodology for  
33 allocation of the funds across the applicable facilities. No later than  
34 10 days following the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before  
35 the Legislature as this bill), the Director of the Division of Budget

1 and Accounting shall transfer such funds to the applicable  
2 departments and divisions for distribution to the facilities.

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4 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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9 This bill makes an FY 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$10  
10 million for health care and residential facility sanitation due to the  
11 coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak.

12 Under the bill, the \$10 million application is to be used to  
13 provide financial assistance to certain health care and residential  
14 facilities in meeting the sanitation demands imposed by the  
15 coronavirus disease 2019, also known as COVID-19, outbreak.  
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34 facilities.

35 COVID-19 is a respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus  
36 that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in  
37 60 locations internationally, including in the United States.  
38 Reported illnesses have ranged from mild to severe, including  
39 illness resulting in death. According to the federal Centers for  
40 Disease Control and Prevention, it is likely that at some point,  
41 widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States will  
42 occur. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared  
43 the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic.