

SENATE, No. 3553

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Makes Fiscal Year 2021 supplemental appropriation of \$1,500,000 to BPU for certain broadband telecommunications service subscriber assistance.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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, 2021 and regulating the disbursement
4 thereof," approved September 29, 2020 (P.L.2020, c.97).

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

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9 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2020,
10 c.97, the annual State appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2021, there
11 is appropriated from the General Fund the following sum for the
12 purpose specified:

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14 **82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**
15 *50 Economic Planning*
16 *52 Economic Regulation*

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18 **GRANTS-IN-AID**

55-2004 Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications.....	\$1,500,000
Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation,	
Economic Regulation	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

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20 **Grants-In-Aid:**

Internet subscription reimbursement.....	(\$1,500,000)
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21 Of the amount herein appropriated for use by the Office of Cable
22 Television and Telecommunications in the Board of Public
23 Utilities, \$1,500,000 shall be used to reimburse up to 100
24 percent of subscription costs related to the provision of
25 broadband telecommunications service to resident households
26 with: a student whose parent or guardian is a New Jersey
27 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipient; a disabled
28 person; or a low-income senior citizen who is a specified low-
29 income Medicare beneficiary. Broadband telecommunications
30 service subscribers whose households meet the above conditions
31 may submit an application to the office, in a form and manner
32 determined by the office, for reimbursement.

33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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36 **STATEMENT**

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38 This bill supplements the FY 2021 appropriations act by
39 appropriation \$1.5 million from the General Fund for use by the
40 Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications (office) in the
41 Board of Public Utilities to reimburse up to 100 percent of the
42 subscription costs related to the provision of broadband

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