



Language Provisions

This section includes the General Language provisions, which provide certain restrictions on the use of State and Federal Fund appropriations.

FEDERAL PROVISIONS

Notwithstanding the provisions of any State law or regulation to the contrary, no State agency shall accept or expend federal funds except as appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise provided in this act.

In addition to the federal funds appropriated in this act, there are appropriated the following federal funds, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting: emergency disaster aid funds including grants for preventive measures; pass-through grants to political subdivisions of the State over which the State is not permitted to exercise discretion in the use or distribution of the funds and for which no State matching funds are required; unanticipated grant awards and any increase in previously anticipated grant awards for which no State matching funds are required except, for the purpose of this section, federal funds received by one executive agency that are ultimately expended by another executive agency shall not be considered pass-through grants; federal financial aid funds for students attending post-secondary educational institutions in excess of the amount specifically appropriated; and any such grants intended to prevent threats to homeland security up to 100 percent of previously anticipated or unanticipated grant award amounts for which no State matching funds are required, provided, however, that the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall notify the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer of such grants.

For the purposes of federal funds appropriations, "political subdivisions of the State" means counties, municipalities, school districts, or agencies thereof, regional, county or municipal authorities, or districts other than interstate authorities or districts; "discretion" refers to any action in which an agency may determine either the amount of funds to be allocated or the recipient of the allocation; and "grants" refers to one-time, or time limited awards, which are received pursuant to submission of a grant application in competition with other grant applications.

The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year of federal funds are appropriated for the same purposes. The Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall inform the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer by November 1 of the current fiscal year of any unexpended balances which are continued.

Out of the appropriations herein, the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting is empowered to approve payments to liquidate any unrecorded liabilities for materials delivered or services rendered in prior fiscal years, upon the written recommendations of any department head or the department head's designated representative. The Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall reject any recommendations for payment which the director deems improper.

In order to permit flexibility in the handling of appropriations and ensure the timely payment of claims to providers of medical services, amounts may be transferred to and from the various items of appropriation within the General Medical Services program classification, and within the federal matching funding, in the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services and Division of Disability Services in the Department of Human Services, and within the Medical Services for the Aged program classification, and within the federal matching funding, in the Division of Aging Services in the Department of Human Services, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. Notice thereof shall be provided to the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer on the effective date of the approved transfer.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, regulation or Executive Order to the contrary, any purchase by the State or by a State agency or local government unit of equipment, goods or services related to homeland security and domestic preparedness, that is paid for or reimbursed by federal funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency, appropriated in the current fiscal year, may be made through the receipt of public bids or as an alternative to public bidding and subject to the provisions of this paragraph, through direct purchase without advertising for bids or rejecting bids already received but not awarded. The equipment, goods or services purchased by a local government unit shall be referred to in the grant agreement issued by the State administrative agency administering such funds and shall be authorized by resolution of the governing body of the local government unit entering into the grant agreement. Such resolution may, without subsequent action of the local governing body, simultaneously accept the grant from the State administrative agency, authorize the insertion of the revenue and offsetting appropriation in the budget of the local government unit, and authorize the contracting agent of the local government unit to procure the equipment, goods or services. A copy of such resolution shall be filed with the chief financial officer of the local government unit, the State administrative agency and the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs. Purchases made without public bidding shall be from vendors that shall either (1) be holders of a current State contract for the equipment, goods or services sought, or (2) be participating in a federal procurement program established by a federal department or agency, or (3) have been approved by the State Treasurer in consultation with the New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force. All homeland security purchases herein shall continue to be subject to all grant requirements and conditions approved by the State administrative agency. The Director of the Division of Purchase and Property may enter into or participate in purchasing agreements with one or more other states, or political subdivisions or compact agencies thereof, for the purchase of such equipment, goods or services, using monies appropriated under this act, to meet the domestic preparedness and homeland security needs of this State. Such purchasing agreement may provide for the sharing of costs and the methods of payments relating to such purchases. Furthermore, a county government awarding a contract for Homeland Security equipment, goods or services, may, with the approval of the vendor, extend the terms and conditions of the contract to any other county government that wants to purchase under that contract, subject to notice and documentation requirements issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Of the amounts appropriated for Income Maintenance Management, amounts may be transferred to the various departments in accordance with the Division of Family Development's agreements, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. Any unobligated balances remaining from funds transferred to the departments shall be transferred back to the Division of Family Development subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

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Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, in addition to the federal funds hereinabove appropriated, there are appropriated to the appropriate executive agencies, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, such additional federal funds received during this fiscal year pursuant to any federal law authorizing a federal economic stimulus program or any other similar federal program for the purposes, projects, and programs set forth in such law; provided, however, that if the federal law does not delineate the specific purposes, projects, and programs to be funded by the federal funds, the purposes, projects, and programs to be funded by the federal funds shall be subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, and further provided, however, that the State Treasurer shall report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Chair of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, and the Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee at least quarterly on the receipt and utilization of all additional federal funds received during this fiscal year pursuant to any federal law authorizing a federal economic stimulus program.

Officials from the appropriate executive agencies are hereby authorized to take such steps, if any, as may be necessary to qualify for, apply for, receive and expend such federal funds and to make such commitments, representations and other agreements as may be required by the federal government to receive federal funds under federal law authorizing the federal economic stimulus program or any other similar federal law. Furthermore, and notwithstanding the provisions of any other law or regulation to the contrary, officials from the appropriate executive agencies may encumber any of these federal funds appropriated pursuant to this provision prior to entering into any contract, grant or other agreement obligating the federal funds, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development shall consider consistent with applicable federal law a formal association of community based organizations to be a "local consortium" for the purposes of receiving funding for the delivery of English as a Second Language or Civics education/training.

In order to permit flexibility in the handling of appropriations and ensure the timely payment of claims to providers of medical services, amounts may be transferred among accounts in the Children's System of Care program classification. Amounts may also be transferred to and from various items of appropriation within the General Medical Services program classification of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services and the Children's System of Care Services program classification in the Department of Children and Families. All such transfers are subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. Notice thereof shall be provided to the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer on the effective date of the approved transfer.

The federal grant funds hereinabove appropriated are subject to the following conditions: (1) in the event that an agency receiving the funds from the federal government requires a subgrantee account or accounts within the same agency or organization, the funds may be transferred to such subgrantee account, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting; and (2) in the event that the agency receiving the funds from the federal government enters into an agreement with another agency as the subgrantee of such federal funds, the funds may be transferred to such subgrantee agency, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. Notice thereof shall be provided to the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer on the effective date of the approved transfer.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, in order to permit flexibility in the management of federal grant funds, amounts appropriated or transferred from such federal funds to State departments as subgrantees of other State departments may be transferred back to an item of appropriation in the original grant recipient department upon completion of the funded activity, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. Notice thereof shall be provided to the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer on the effective date of the approved transfer.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, the federal funds hereinabove appropriated to the Department of Transportation are subject to the following condition: in order to ensure the continued flow of necessary federal funds for important State and local transportation projects, in the event the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) objects to the form of the department's request for submission of competitive bids or to the form or contents of related grant agreements funded with federal funds, the department shall make any changes to such requests or contracts as may be determined by the FHWA to be necessary to comply with federal law; and any other department, agency or authority affected by such action is required to take any further actions required in order for it to be in accordance with the changes required by FHWA.

In order to permit flexibility in the handling of appropriations and ensure the timely payment of claims to providers of mental health and substance use disorder services, amounts may be transferred to and from the various items of appropriation and within the federal matching funding, within the General Medical Services program classification in the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services and the Community Services and Addiction Services program classifications in the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection d. of section 21 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-21), or any other law or regulation to the contrary, transfers among the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration federal appropriations by project, under the category of Public Transportation, shall not require approval by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee. Notice of a transfer approved by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting pursuant to that section shall be provided to the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer on the effective date of the approved transfer.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 of P.L.2021, c.200 (C.48:3-106.2) or any other law or regulation to the contrary, the unexpended balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the School and Small Business Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program Fund may be reallocated for any of the purposes set forth in P.L.2021, c.200 as determined by the President of the Board of Public Utilities, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

Officials from the appropriate executive agencies are hereby authorized to take such steps, as may be necessary to qualify, apply, and file with the Internal Revenue Service for elective payment of applicable tax credits available to applicable entities under section 13801 of the federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, Public Law 117-169, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. Any funds received by such executive agencies shall be deposited in the General Fund as State revenues.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

2. All dedicated funds are hereby appropriated for their dedicated purposes. There are appropriated, subject to allotment by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting and with the approval of the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer, private contributions, revolving funds and dedicated funds received, receivable or estimated to be received for the use of the State or its agencies in excess of those anticipated, unless otherwise provided herein. The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year of such funds, or any portion thereof, are appropriated, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. In the event a person or entity wishes to make a monetary donation to the State for a particular purpose, the head of the State agency or department to which such monetary donation is made is hereby authorized to accept such monetary donation.
3. There are appropriated, subject to allotment by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, the following: amounts required to refund amounts credited to the State Treasury which do not represent State revenue; amounts received representing insurance to cover losses by fire and other casualties and the unexpended balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year of such amounts; amounts received by any State department or agency from the sale of equipment, when such amounts are received in lieu of trade-in value in the replacement of such equipment; and amounts received in the State Treasury representing refunds of payments made from appropriations provided in this act.
4. There are appropriated, subject to allotment by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, amounts required to satisfy receivables previously established from which non-reimbursable costs and ineligible expenditures have been incurred.
5. There are appropriated, subject to allotment by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, from federal or other non-State sources amounts not to exceed the cost of services necessary to document and support retroactive claims.
6. There are appropriated such amounts as may be required to pay interest liabilities to the federal government as required by the Treasury/State agreement pursuant to the provisions of the "Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990," Pub. L. 101-453 (31 U.S.C. s.6501 et seq.), subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
7. There are appropriated, first from interest earnings of the various bond funds and then from the General Fund, such amounts as may be necessary for the State to comply with the federal "Tax Reform Act of 1986," Pub. L. 99-514 (26 U.S.C. s.1 et seq. as amended), which requires issuers of tax-exempt debt obligations to rebate any arbitrage earnings to the federal government, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
8. There are appropriated from the General Fund, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, such amounts as are necessary to pay interest, at the average rate of earnings during the fiscal year from the State's general investments, to those bond funds that have borrowed money from the General Fund or other bond funds and that have insufficient resources to accrue and pay the interest expense on such borrowing.
9. In addition to the amounts hereinabove appropriated, such additional amounts as may be necessary are appropriated to fund the costs of the collection of debts, taxes and other fees and charges owed to the State, including but not limited to the services of auditors and attorneys and enhanced compliance programs, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
10. There are appropriated from the Legal Services Fund established pursuant to section 6 of P.L.1996, c.52 (C.22A:2-51), for transfer to the General Fund as State revenue such amounts as are necessary to support the appropriations for the following programs contained in this act: Legal Services of New Jersey grant, ten judgeships in the Judiciary, and for Clinical Legal Programs for the Poor at Rutgers Law School and Seton Hall University.
11. The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the accounts of the several departments and agencies heretofore appropriated or established in the category of Additions, Improvements and Equipment are appropriated, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
12. The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the Capital Construction accounts for all departments and agencies are appropriated, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
13. Unless otherwise provided, unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in accounts of appropriations enacted subsequent to April 1 of the preceding fiscal year, are appropriated.
14. The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in accounts that are funded by Interfund Transfers are appropriated, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
15. Notwithstanding any provisions in this act or the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, no unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year are appropriated without the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, except that the Legislative Branch of State government shall be exempt from this provision. The Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall notify the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer of those instances in which unexpended balances are not appropriated pursuant to this section.
16. The administrative costs of the Special Education Medicaid Initiative ("SEMI") and the Medicaid Administrative Claiming ("MAC") programs, including the participation of a consultant, are appropriated from the revenue received, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. In the event that revenues received from the SEMI and the MAC programs are insufficient to pay the administrative costs, there are appropriated such amounts for these purposes as recommended by the State Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

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17. The following transfer of appropriations rules are in effect for the current fiscal year:
- a. To permit flexibility in the handling of appropriations, any department or agency that receives an appropriation by law, may, subject to the provisions of this section, or unless otherwise provided in this act, apply to the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting for permission to transfer funds from one item of appropriation to a different item of appropriation. For the purposes of this section, “item of appropriation” means the spending authority identified by an organization code, appropriation source, and program code, unique to the item. If the Director consents to the transfer, the amount transferred shall be credited by the Director to the designated item of appropriation and notice thereof shall be provided to the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer on the effective date of the approved transfer. However, the Director, after consenting thereto, shall submit the following transfer requests to the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer for legislative approval or disapproval unless otherwise provided in this act:
 - (1) Requests for the transfer of State and other nonfederal funds, in amounts greater than \$300,000, to or from any item of appropriation;
 - (2) Requests for the transfer of State and other nonfederal funds, in amounts greater than \$50,000, to or from any Special Purpose account, as defined by major object 5, or Grant account, as defined by major object 6, within an item of appropriation, from or to a different item of appropriation;
 - (3) Requests for the transfer of State and other nonfederal funds, in amounts greater than \$50,000, to or from any Special Purpose or Grant account in which the identifying organization code, appropriation source, and program code, remain the same, provided that the transfer would effect a change in the legislative intent of the appropriations;
 - (4) Requests for the transfer of State funds, in amounts greater than \$50,000, between items of appropriation in different departments or between items of appropriation in different appropriation classifications herein entitled as Direct State Services, Grants-In-Aid, State Aid, Capital Construction and Debt Service;
 - (5) Requests for the transfer of federal funds, in amounts greater than \$300,000, from one item of appropriation to another item of appropriation, if the amount of the transfer to an item in combination with the amount of the appropriation to that item would result in an amount in excess of the appropriation authority for that item, as defined by the program class;
 - (6) Requests for such other transfers as are appropriate in order to ensure compliance with the legislative intent of this act.
 - b. The Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor may review all transfer requests submitted for legislative approval and may direct the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer to approve or disapprove any such transfer request. Transfers submitted for legislative approval pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection a. of this section shall be made only if approved by the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer at the direction of the committee.
 - c. The Legislative Budget and Finance Officer shall approve or disapprove requests for the transfer of funds submitted for legislative approval within 10 working days of the physical receipt thereof and shall return them to the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. If any provision of this act or any supplement thereto requires the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer to approve or disapprove requests for the transfer of funds, the request shall be deemed to be approved by the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer if, within 20 working days of the physical receipt of the request, the officer has not disapproved the request and so notified the requesting officer. However, this time period shall not pertain to any transfer request under review by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor, provided notice of such review has been given to the Director.
 - d. No amount appropriated for any capital improvement shall be used for any temporary purpose except extraordinary snow removal or extraordinary transportation maintenance, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. However, an amount from any appropriation for an item of capital improvement may be transferred to any other item of capital improvement subject to the approval of the Director, and, if in an amount greater than \$300,000, subject to the approval of the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer.
 - e. The provisions of subsections a. through d. of this section shall not apply to appropriations made to the Legislative or Judicial branches of State government. To permit flexibility in the handling of these appropriations, amounts may be transferred to and from the various items of appropriation by the appropriate officer or designee with notification given to the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting on the effective date thereof.
 - f. Notwithstanding any provisions of this section to the contrary, transfers to and from the Special Purpose appropriation to the Governor for emergency or necessity under the Other Interdepartmental Accounts program classification and transfers from the appropriations to the various accounts in the category of Salary Increases and Other Benefits, both in the Interdepartmental Accounts, shall not be subject to legislative approval or disapproval.
18. The Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall make such correction of the title, text or account number of an appropriation necessary to make such appropriation available in accordance with legislative intent. Such correction shall be by written ruling, reciting in appropriate detail the facts thereof, and reasons therefore, attested by the signature of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting and filed in the Division of Budget and Accounting of the Department of the Treasury as an official record thereof, and any action thereunder, including disbursement and the audit thereof, shall be legally binding and of full force and virtue. An official copy of each such written ruling shall be transmitted to the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer, upon the effective date of the ruling.
19. The Legislative Budget and Finance Officer with the cooperation and assistance of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting is authorized to adjust this appropriations bill to reflect any reorganizations which have been implemented since the presentation of the Governor's Budget Message and Recommendations that were proposed for this fiscal year.
20. None of the funds appropriated to the executive branch of State government for Information Processing, Development, Telecommunications, and Related Services and Equipment shall be available to pay for any of these services or equipment without the review of the Office of Information Technology, and compliance with Statewide policies and standards and an approved department Information Technology Strategic Plan.
21. If the amount provided in this act for a State Aid payment pursuant to formula is insufficient to meet the full requirements of the formula, all recipients of State Aid shall have their allocation proportionately reduced, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

22. When the duties or responsibilities of any department or branch, except for the Legislature and any of its agencies, are transferred to any other department or branch, it shall be the duty of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting and the Director is hereby empowered to transfer funds appropriated for the maintenance and operation of any such department or branch to such department or branch as shall be charged with the responsibility of administering the functions so transferred. The Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall have the authority to create such new accounts as may be necessary to carry out the intent of the transfer. Information copies of such transfers shall be transmitted to the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer upon the effective date thereof. If such transfers may be required among appropriations made to the Legislature and its agencies, the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer, subject to the approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly, is hereby empowered and it shall be that officer's duty to effect such transactions hereinabove described and to notify the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting upon the effective date thereof.
23. The Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting is empowered and it shall be the Director's duty in the disbursement of funds for payment of expenses classified as salary increases and other benefits, employee benefits, debt service, rent, telephone, data processing, motor pool, insurance, travel, postage, lease payments on equipment purchases, additions, improvements and equipment, and compensation awards, to credit or transfer to the Department of the Treasury, to an Interdepartmental account, or to the General Fund, as applicable, from any other department, branch or non-State fund source out of funds appropriated or credited thereto, such amounts as may be required to cover the costs of such payment attributable to such other department, branch or non-State fund source, or to reimburse the Department of the Treasury, an Interdepartmental account, or the General Fund for reductions made representing Statewide savings in the above expense classifications, as the Director shall determine. With respect to payment of expenses classified as utilities and maintenance contracts, the Director is empowered and it shall be the Director's duty in the disbursement of funds to credit or transfer to the Department of the Treasury, to an Interdepartmental account, or to the General Fund, as applicable, from any other department or non-State fund source, but not from the Legislature or the Judiciary, out of funds appropriated or credited thereto, such amounts as may be required to cover the costs of such payment attributable to such other department or non-State fund source, or to reimburse the Department of the Treasury, an Interdepartmental account, or the General Fund for reductions made representing Statewide savings in these expense classifications, as the Director shall determine. Receipts in any non-State funds are appropriated for the purpose of such transfer.
24. The Governor is empowered to direct the State Treasurer to transfer from any State department to any other State department such amounts as may be necessary for the cost of any emergency occasioned by aggression, civil disturbance, sabotage, or disaster. In addition, there are appropriated such additional amounts as may be necessary for emergency repairs and reconstruction of State facilities or property, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting and the Joint Budget Oversight Committee (JBOC). Appropriations referred to JBOC shall be deemed approved, unless a resolution of disapproval is adopted within 10 working days of receipt of notification of the proposed appropriation.
25. Upon request of any department receiving non-State funds, the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting is empowered to transfer such funds from that department to other departments as may be charged with the responsibility for the expenditure thereof.
26. The Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting is empowered to transfer or credit appropriations to any State agency for services provided, or to be provided, by that agency to any other agency or department; provided further, however, that funds have been appropriated or allocated to such agency or department for the purpose of purchasing these services.
27. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, should appropriations in the Property Tax Relief Fund exceed available revenues, the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting is authorized to transfer General Fund unreserved, undesignated fund balances into the Property Tax Relief Fund, providing unreserved, undesignated fund balances are available from the General Fund, as determined by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
28. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, should appropriations in the Casino Revenue Fund exceed available revenues, the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting is authorized to transfer General Fund unreserved, undesignated fund balances into the Casino Revenue Fund, providing unreserved, undesignated fund balances are available from the General Fund, as determined by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
29. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.1954, c.48 (C.52:34-6 et seq.), amounts appropriated for services for the various State departments and agencies may be expended for the purchase of contract services from the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium or the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development as if each were a State government agency pursuant to subsection (a) of section 5 of P.L.1954, c.48 (C.52:34-10).
30. Out of the amounts hereinabove appropriated, the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting is empowered to approve payment of obligations applicable to prior fiscal years, upon the written recommendation of any department head, or the department head's designated representative. The Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall reject any recommendations for payment which the Director deems improper.
31. Whenever any county, municipality, school district, college, university, or a political subdivision thereof withholds funds from a State agency, or causes a State agency to make payment on behalf of a county, municipality, school district, college, university or a political subdivision thereof, then the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting may withhold State aid or grant payments and transfer the same as payment for such funds, as the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall determine.
32. The Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting is empowered to establish revolving and dedicated funds as required. Notice of the establishment of such funds shall be transmitted to the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer upon the effective date thereof.
33. The Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting may, upon application therefore, allot from appropriations made to any official, department, commission or board, an amount to establish a petty cash fund for the payment of expenses under rules and regulations established by the Director. Allotments thus made by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall be paid to such person as shall be designated as the custodian thereof by the official, department, commission or board making a request therefore, and the money thus allotted shall be disbursed by such custodian who shall require a receipt therefore from all persons obtaining money from the fund. The Director shall make regulations governing disbursement from petty cash funds.

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34. From appropriations to the various departments of State government, the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting is empowered to transfer amounts sufficient to pay any obligation due and owing in any other department or agency.
35. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, the State Treasurer may transfer from any fund in the State Treasurer's custody, deposited with the State Treasurer pursuant to law, sufficient amounts to enable payments from any appropriation made herein for any obligations due and owing. Any such transfer shall be restored out of the taxes or other revenue received in the Treasury in support of this act. Except for transfers from the several funds established pursuant to statutes that provide for interest earnings to accrue to those funds, all such transfers shall be without interest. If the statute provides for interest earnings, it shall be calculated at the average rate of earnings during the fiscal year from the State's general investments and such amounts as are necessary shall be appropriated, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
36. Any qualifying State Aid appropriation, or part thereof, made from the General Fund may be transferred and recorded as an appropriation from the Property Tax Relief Fund, as deemed necessary by the State Treasurer, in order that the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting may warrant the necessary payments; provided, however, that the available unreserved, undesignated fund balance in the Property Tax Relief Fund, as determined by the State Treasurer, is sufficient to support the expenditure.
37. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, the State Treasurer, upon warrant of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, shall pay any claim not exceeding \$4,000 out of any appropriations made to the several departments, provided such claim is recommended for payment by the head of such department. The Legislative Budget and Finance Officer shall be notified of the amount and description of any such claim at the time such payment is made. Any claimant who has presented a claim not exceeding \$4,000, which has been denied or not recommended by the head of such department, shall be precluded from presenting said claim to the Legislature for consideration.
38. Unless otherwise provided, federal grant and project receipts representing reimbursement for agency and central support services, indirect and administrative costs, as determined by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, shall be transmitted to the Department of the Treasury for credit to the General Fund; provided, however, that a portion of the indirect and administrative cost recoveries received which are in excess of the amount anticipated may be reclassified into a dedicated account and returned to State departments and agencies, as determined by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, who shall notify the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer of the amount of such funds returned, the departments or agencies receiving such funds and the purpose for which such funds will be used, within 10 working days of any such transaction. Such receipts shall be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting upon completion of the project or at the end of the fiscal year, whichever occurs earlier.
39. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, each local school district that participates in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) shall receive a percentage of the federal revenue realized for current year claims. The percentage share shall be 17.5 percent of claims approved by the State by June 30. The impact of federal claim adjustments may be charged against current year revenue disbursements, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
40. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, each local school district that participates in the Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) initiative shall receive a percentage of the federal revenue realized for current year claims. The percentage share shall be 17.5 percent of claims approved by the State by June 30.
41. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L. 1943, c. 188 (C.52:14-17.1 et seq.), the rate of reimbursement for mileage allowed for employees traveling by personal automobile on official business shall be \$0.47 per mile.
42. State agencies shall prepare and submit a copy of their agency or departmental budget requests for the next ensuing fiscal year to the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting by the deadline and in the manner required by the Director. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, State agencies shall prepare and submit a copy of their spending plans involving all State, federal and other non-State funds to the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting and the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer by February 1 and May 1 of this fiscal year. The spending plans shall account for any changes in departmental spending which differ from this appropriations act and all supplements to this act. The spending plans shall be submitted on forms specified by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
43. The Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall provide the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer with copies of all BB-4s, Application for non-State Funds, and accompanying project proposals or grant applications, which require a State match and that may commit or require State support after the grant's expiration.
44. In order to provide effective cash flow management for revenues and expenditures of the General Fund and the Property Tax Relief Fund in the implementation of this annual appropriations act, there are appropriated from the General Fund such amounts as may be required to pay the principal of and interest on tax and revenue anticipation notes including notes in the form of commercial paper (hereinafter collectively referred to as short-term notes), together with any costs or obligations relating to the issuance thereof or contracts related thereto, according to the terms set forth hereinabove. Provided further that, to the extent that short-term notes are issued for cash flow management purposes in connection with the Property Tax Relief Fund, there are appropriated from the Property Tax Relief Fund such amounts as may be required to pay the principal of those short-term notes.
45. The State Treasurer is authorized to issue short-term notes, which notes shall not constitute a general obligation of the State or a debt or a liability within the meaning of the State Constitution, and the State Treasurer is authorized to pay any costs or obligations relating to the issuance of such short-term notes or contracts relating thereto. Such short-term notes shall be issued in such amounts and at such times as the State Treasurer shall deem necessary for the above stated purposes and for the payment of related costs, and on such terms and conditions, sold in such manner and at such prices, bearing interest at such fixed or variable rate or rates, renewable at such time or times, and entitled to such security, and using such paying agents as shall be determined by the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer is authorized to enter into such contracts and to take such other actions, all as determined by the State Treasurer to be appropriate to carry out the above cash flow management purposes. The State Treasurer shall give consideration to New Jersey-based vendors in entering into such contracts. Whenever the State Treasurer issues such short-term notes, the State Treasurer shall report on each such issuance to the Chair of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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46. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 29 of P.L.1983, c.303 (C.52:27H-88), or any law or regulation to the contrary, interest earned in the current fiscal year on balances in the Enterprise Zone Assistance Fund, shall be credited to the General Fund.
47. The amount anticipated from the Casino Simulcasting Fund is appropriated to the Casino Revenue Fund.
48. In all cases in which language authorizes the appropriation of additional receipts not to exceed a specific amount, and the specific amount is insufficient to cover the amount due for fringe benefits and indirect costs, there are appropriated from receipts such additional amounts as are required to fully cover the amount due for fringe benefits and indirect costs, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
49. There are appropriated, from receipts from any structured financing transaction, such amounts as may be necessary to satisfy any obligation incurred in connection with any structured financing agreement, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. In addition, there are appropriated such amounts as may be necessary to pay costs incurred in connection with any proposed structured financing transaction, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
50. Notwithstanding the provisions of any departmental language or statute, receipts in excess of those anticipated or appropriated as provided in the Departmental Revenue Statements (BB-103s) in the budget submission for this fiscal year are not available for expenditure until a comprehensive expenditure plan is submitted to and approved by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
51. There are appropriated such additional amounts as may be required to pay the amount of any civil penalty imposed on a State officer, employee or custodian pursuant to section 12 of P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-11), as recommended by the Attorney General and as the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall determine.
52. Receipts from the provision of copies and other materials related to compliance with section 12 of P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-11), are appropriated for the purpose of offsetting agency and departmental expenses of complying with the public access law, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
53. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, there is appropriated from the Universal Service Fund \$67,650,000 for transfer to the General Fund as State revenue.
54. Any qualifying State Aid or Grants-In-Aid appropriation, or part thereof, made from the General Fund may be transferred and recorded as an appropriation from the Casino Revenue Fund, as deemed necessary by the State Treasurer, in order that the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting may warrant the necessary payments; provided, however, that the available unreserved, undesignated fund balance in the Casino Revenue Fund, as determined by the State Treasurer, is sufficient to support the expenditure.
55. In addition to the amounts herein appropriated for University Hospital, there are appropriated such additional amounts as are necessary to maintain the core operating functions of the hospital, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
56. The amounts hereinabove appropriated for the University Behavioral Healthcare Centers (UBHC) - Rutgers, the State University - Newark and Piscataway are first charged to the federal disproportionate share hospital reimbursements anticipated as Medicaid uncompensated care, and, as a condition for such appropriation, Rutgers, the State University - New Brunswick shall be required to provide fiscal reports to the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Office of the State Comptroller, including all applicable expenses incurred for programs supported in whole or in part with the above appropriations, as well as all applicable revenues generated from the provision of such program services, as well as any other revenues used to support such services, in such a format and frequency as required by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services. In addition, the annual audit report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Rutgers, the State University - New Brunswick must include supplemental schedules of Statements of Net Assets and Statements of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets for the two UBHC Centers separately and UBHC as a whole.
57. With the exception of disproportionate share hospital revenues that may be received, federal and other funds received for the operation of the University Behavioral Healthcare Centers at Newark and Piscataway are appropriated to Rutgers, the State University - New Brunswick for the operation of the centers.
58. Provided that each of the contributions made during the current fiscal year by University Hospital, Rutgers, the State University and Rowan University and each of their affiliates to the University Hospital Self-Insurance Reserve Fund, the Rutgers University Self-Insurance Reserve Fund or the Rowan University Self-Insurance Reserve Fund, respectively, are equal to the respective amounts established in memoranda of agreements between the Department of the Treasury and each of University Hospital, Rutgers, the State University, and Rowan University and, if after such amounts having been contributed, the receipts deposited within the applicable University Hospital Self-Insurance Reserve Fund, the Rutgers University Self-Insurance Reserve Fund, and the Rowan University Self-Insurance Reserve Fund, respectively, are insufficient to pay claims expenditures, there are appropriated from the General Fund to the applicable University Hospital Self-Insurance Reserve Fund, the Rutgers University Self-Insurance Reserve Fund or the Rowan University Self-Insurance Reserve Fund such amounts as may be necessary to pay the remaining claims for the respective institutions, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
59. In addition to any amounts hereinabove appropriated to pay debt service on bonds, notes and other obligations by the various independent authorities, payment of which is to be made by the State subject to appropriation pursuant to a contract with the State Treasurer or pursuant to a lease with a State department, there are hereby appropriated such additional amounts as the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall determine are required to pay all amounts due from the State pursuant to such contracts or leases, as applicable.
60. Such amounts as may be required to initiate the implementation of information systems development or modification during the current fiscal year to support fees, fines or other revenue enhancements, or to initiate cost savings or budget efficiencies that are to be implemented during the subsequent fiscal year, and that are proposed in the Governor's Budget Message and Recommendations for the subsequent fiscal year, shall be transferred between appropriate accounts, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
61. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, no funding shall be provided by any program supported in part or in whole by State funding for erectile dysfunction medications for individuals who are registered on New Jersey's Sex Offender Registry.

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62. For the purposes of the "State Appropriations Limitation Act," P.L.1990, c.94 (C.52:9H-24 et seq.), the amounts appropriated to the developmental centers in the Department of Human Services due to opportunities for increased recoveries, amounts carried forward in the State Employees' Health Benefits accounts, and amounts representing balances deemed available in the State Health Benefits Fund shall be deemed a "Base Year Appropriation" and, notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.1990, c.94 (C.52:9H-24 et seq.) or any other law or regulation to the contrary, in recognition of the historically unprecedented pension payments being made and required to be made by the State, and consistent with the budget cap methodology applicable to New Jersey municipalities, for purposes of calculating the maximum annual appropriation for direct state services, the term "appropriations" shall not include amounts appropriated for State contributions to the pension systems. If funding included in this act for Salary Increases and Other Benefits - Executive Branch is less than \$180,000,000, there is appropriated sufficient funding to total \$180,000,000. For the purposes of the "State Appropriations Limitation Act," P.L.1990, c.94 (C.52:9H-24 et seq.), any funding provided less than \$180,000,000 shall be deemed a "Base Year Appropriation."
63. The amounts hereinabove appropriated for employee fringe benefits in Interdepartmental Direct State Services and Grants-In-Aid, Department of Education State Aid, and Department of the Treasury State Aid may be transferred between accounts for the same purposes, as the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall determine.
64. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.2004, c.68 (C.34:1B-21.16 et seq.) or any law or regulation to the contrary, funds remaining in the Dedicated Cigarette Tax Revenue Fund at the end of the current fiscal year are appropriated from such fund for transfer to the General Fund as State revenue.
65. Unless otherwise provided in this act, all unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year that are appropriated by this act are appropriated for the same purpose.
66. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14 of Article 3 of P.L.1944, c.112 (C.52:27B-23) or any law or regulation to the contrary, copies of the budget message shall be made available to the State Library, public libraries, newspapers and citizens of the State only through the State of New Jersey website.
67. There are appropriated such amounts as are necessary, not to exceed \$750,000, to fund costs incurred by the State, including attorneys' costs, in connection with arbitration/litigation relating to claims by participating tobacco manufacturers that they are entitled to reductions in payments they make under the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
68. The Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting is empowered and it shall be the Director's duty in the disbursement of funds for payment of expenses classified as debt service, to credit or transfer among the various departments, as applicable, out of funds appropriated or credited thereto for debt service payments, such amounts as may be required to cover the costs of such payment attributable to debt service or to reimburse the various departments for reductions made representing Statewide savings resulting from bond retirements or defeasances in debt service accounts, as the Director shall determine. If the Director consents to the transfer, the amount transferred shall be credited by the Director to the designated item of appropriation and notice thereof shall be provided to the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer on the effective date of the approved transfer.
69. The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in accounts that provide matching State funds in the various departments and agencies are appropriated in order to provide State authority to match federal grants that have project periods extending beyond the current State fiscal year.
70. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, it is not possible in the current fiscal year to appropriate monies to fund all programs authorized or required by statute. As a result, the Governor's Budget Message and Recommendations for the current fiscal year recommended, and the Legislature agrees, that either no State funding or less than the statutorily required amount be appropriated for certain of these statutory programs. To the extent that these or other statutory programs have not received all or some appropriations for the current fiscal year in this act which would be required to carry out these statutory programs, such lack of appropriations represents the intent of the Legislature to suspend in full or in part the operation of the statutory programs, including any statutorily imposed restrictions or limitations on the collection of State revenue that is related to the funding of those programs.
71. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 21 of P.L.1983, c.303 (C.52:27H-80), or any other law or regulation to the contrary, crediting of revenues to each account for each enterprise zone in the Enterprise Zone Assistance Fund shall be reduced by the amount of revenues credited from the General Fund into a special account in the Property Tax Relief Fund pursuant to subparagraph b. of paragraph 7 of Section I of Article VIII of the New Jersey Constitution derived from sales tax collected in such enterprise zone.
72. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, there is appropriated as revenue to the General Fund the revenue credited to the Enterprise Zone Assistance Fund by section 29 of P.L.1983, c.303 (C.52:27H-88) in excess of the amounts appropriated to each account for each enterprise zone attributable to local projects and the local costs for administering the Urban Enterprise Zone program, as defined by section 29 of P.L.1983, c.303 (C.52:27H-88).
73. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 16 of Article 3 of P.L.1944, c.112 (C.52:27B-25), or any other law or regulation to the contrary, the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall not be required to allot appropriations on a quarterly basis.
74. The funding by a State department in the Executive Branch for a contract for drug screening tests or other laboratory screening tests shall be conditioned upon the following provision: the State department as part of the contract procurement and award process shall notify the Department of Health (DOH) of the proposed contract and provide an opportunity for DOH to submit a proposal, provided, however, the State department shall not be required to make the award to DOH if DOH is the lowest bidder as factors other than cost may be considered in the evaluation of the proposals, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

75. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, the amounts hereinabove appropriated to the New Jersey Real Estate Commission, Civil Service Commission, State Athletic Control Board, Public Employment Relations Commission and Appeal Board, New Jersey State Board of Mediation, New Jersey Racing Commission, Council on Local Mandates, Garden State Preservation Trust, the various State professional boards, the Certified Psychoanalysts Advisory Committee and the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall be subject to the following conditions: 1) the base salary, per diem salary, or any other form of compensation, including that for expenses, for the board members or commissioners paid for out of State funds shall not exceed \$100 per month; and 2) no State funds shall be used to pay for participation in the State Health Benefits Program by board members or commissioners. No other compensation shall be paid; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to the Commissioner/Chief Executive Officer of the State Athletic Control Board, the Chairperson/Chief Executive Officer of the Civil Service Commission, the Chairperson of the Public Employment Relations Commission, and any commissioner or board member of any other State board, commission or independent authority who, in addition to being a member of the board or commission also hold a full time staff position for such entity.
76. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, of the amounts hereinabove appropriated no grant funds shall be paid to a grantee for the costs of any efforts by the grantee or on behalf of the grantee for lobbying activities.
77. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection c. of section 145 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-145) and section 22 of P.L.1970, c.13 (C.5:9-22) or any law or regulation to the contrary, such amounts as are required are appropriated to the State Treasurer to publish via the internet reports accounting for the total revenues received in the Casino Revenue Fund and the State Lottery Fund and the specific amounts of money appropriated therefrom for specific expenditures during the preceding fiscal year ending June 30.
78. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, and in furtherance of the purposes of P.L.2010, c.104 (C.48:23-18 et al.), there are hereby appropriated, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, such amounts as are necessary for the operation of the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority (NJPBA) as required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to maintain the FCC licenses owned by the NJPBA, to oversee any agreements with private operators, and to carry out any other duties and responsibilities that the NJPBA has under P.L.2010, c.104 (C.48:23-18 et al.) and as the FCC licensee of broadcast stations, including the costs of employees, office space, equipment, consultants, professional advisors including lawyers, and any other costs determined to be necessary to carry out the NJPBA mission under P.L.2010, c.104 (C.48:23-18 et al.) consistent with FCC requirements.
79. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 5 and 6 of P.L.1990, c.44 (C.52:9H-18 and C.52:9H-19) or any other law or regulation to the contrary, the balance in the Surplus Revenue Fund may be transferred to the General Fund, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
80. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, in order to implement the provisions of the Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver as approved on October 2, 2012 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), as well as any amendments, extensions, renewals, or supplements to the Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver (collectively referred to as Waiver): The Commissioner of Human Services shall implement immediately those provisions contained in the Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and any amendments to such waiver as CMS requires to be implemented pursuant to such waiver and amounts may be transferred to and from various items of appropriation within the General Medical Services and the Health Services Administration and Management program classification of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services; the Community Services and Addiction Services program classifications in the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services; the Disability Services program classification in the Division of Disability Services in the Department of Human Services; the Purchased Residential Care, Social Supervision and Consultation, and Adult Activities program classifications in the Division of Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Human Services; the Medical Services for the Aged program classification in the Division of Aging Services in the Department of Human Services; and the Children's System of Care program classification in the Division of Children's System of Care in the Department of Children and Families, and any other program classifications associated with any other department, division, authority, or public college or university necessary to support implementation of the Waiver. A portion of receipts generated or savings realized in Medical Assistance Grants-In-Aid accounts from Waiver initiatives may be transferred to the Health Services Administration and Management accounts in the Department of Human Services, as determined by the Commissioner of Human Services to be required to fund costs incurred in realizing these additional receipts or savings. All such transfers are subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. Notice of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting's approval shall be provided to the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer on the effective date of the approved transfer.
81. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, the amounts hereinabove appropriated to the Department of Human Services, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Health are conditioned upon the following provision: In order to ensure federal participation, the State's NJ FamilyCare program shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of the State plan(s) or the Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver, as approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, that are or were inserted by the Department into the State plan(s) or the Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver in order to comply with Pub.L. 111-148, Pub.L. 111-152, or with any federal regulations adopted pursuant thereto.
82. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 8 of P.L.1992, c.160 (C.26:2H-18.58) or any other law or regulation to the contrary, an amount not to exceed \$1,536,047,000 as determined by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, is appropriated from the Health Care Subsidy Fund to the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services to fund Medical Coverage - Title XIX Parents and Children in the General Medical Services program classification.

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83. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, proceeds received from the sale of surplus State-owned real property deposited into the State-owned Real Property Fund pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2007, c.108 (C.52:31-1.3b) are appropriated for deposit into the General Fund as State revenue, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting; proceeds received in connection with asset value optimization initiatives other than the sale of surplus State-owned real property are appropriated to support State obligations to the retirement systems, consistent with federal law and regulation, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. In addition to the amounts hereinabove appropriated for the Department of the Treasury, there are appropriated such additional amounts as are necessary to pay for costs associated with implementing asset value optimization initiatives.
84. Payments to the various State defined pension systems from amounts appropriated herein shall be made on a quarterly basis on the following schedule: at least 25 percent by September 30, at least 50 percent by December 31, at least 75 percent by March 31, and at least 100 percent by June 30, and shall be reduced by any increase in the interest on tax and revenue anticipation notes attributable to the need to borrow more for the purpose of making such quarterly installments for transfer to the Interest on Short Term Notes account in the Interdepartmental Accounts.
85. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17 of this act to the contrary, the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting may establish accounts and transfer amounts appropriated to the Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund, Preserve New Jersey Blue Acres Fund, Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund, and the Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund pursuant to the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.), as amended by P.L.2019, c.136, in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the act and acts appropriating monies to these funds. The transfer of amounts shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee (JBOC). If JBOC does not disapprove a transfer within ten days of notification, the transfer shall be deemed approved. The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in these accounts are appropriated for the same purpose.
86. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, in order to achieve cost savings, improve timeliness, and minimize fraud, State agencies may obtain employment and income information from a third-party commercial consumer reporting agency, in accordance with the federal "Fair Credit Reporting Act," 15 U.S.C. s.1681 et seq., for the purpose of obtaining real-time employment and income information to help determine program eligibility.
87. Notwithstanding the provisions of any State bidding or procurement laws to the contrary, except for the provisions of P.L.2005, c.51 (C.19:44A-20.13 et seq.) and P.L.1975, c.127 (C.10:5-31 et seq.), and to take advantage of cost-savings and efficiencies, any funds appropriated to any State department that may otherwise be expended on advertising shall be available for the purchase of public education programming, public service announcements, public awareness and education messaging, and advertising from the providers to the same or their non-profit trade associations.
88. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, such amounts as may be necessary for costs required to implement the "State Lottery Law," P.L.1970, c.13 (C.5:9-1 et seq.) and for payment of commissions, prizes, and expenses of developing and implementing games pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1970, c.13 (C.5:9-7) shall be charged to the operations account as established pursuant to subsection c. of section 6 of P.L.2017, c.98 (C.5:9-22.10) within Common Pension Fund L as established pursuant to subsection a. of section 6 of P.L.2017, c.98 (C.5:9-22.10) for the term of the lottery contribution authorized pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2017, c.98 (C.5:9-22.8).
89. Any funds that may be received by the State of New Jersey from the Environmental Mitigation Trust established in partial settlement of In re: Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation, Case No: MDL No. 2672 CRB (JSC) (N.D. Cal.) are appropriated solely for projects which are eligible mitigation actions consistent with the terms of the trust agreement. Such projects shall be selected by the Department of Environmental Protection, as the lead agency previously designated by the Governor and shall be selected from among the categories of eligible mitigation actions described in the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement. Any funds received from the Trustee for projects to be administered by State departments shall be deposited in a separate non-lapsing fund to be known as the "Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Fund," and are appropriated solely for projects which are eligible mitigation actions consistent with the terms of the trust agreement and may include administrative costs in such amounts that are consistent with the terms of the trust agreement, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. Any projects administered by State departments which will award grants through new or existing grant programs will award such grants on a competitive basis, using criteria determined by the Department of Environmental Protection.
90. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, and in furtherance of the purposes of the "Lottery Enterprise Contribution Act," P.L.2017, c.98 (C.5:9-22.5 et al.), there are hereby appropriated, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, such amounts as are necessary to implement the "Lottery Enterprise Contribution Act," including the costs of consultants, professional advisors including lawyers, and any other costs determined to be necessary to implement the "Lottery Enterprise Contribution Act," P.L.2017, c.98 (C.5:9-22.5 et al.).
91. The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the Expanded Addiction Initiatives line item in the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services and the various accounts in the Departments of Children and Families, Corrections, Community Affairs, Education, Health, Human Services, Labor and Workforce Development, and Law and Public Safety reallocated from the Expanded Addiction Initiatives line item in the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services for anti-opioid initiatives, including, but not limited to, Integrated Population Health Data Project, Health Information Technology, Alternatives to Opioid Program, Syringe Access Programs, Single License for Primary Care, and other similar accounts, are appropriated for the same purpose and may be transferred among the same accounts, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

92. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, with the approval of the State Treasurer, shall provide that appropriations from the State General Fund be transferred and recorded as appropriations from the Property Tax Relief Fund to reflect the amounts as deemed necessary by the State Treasurer to offset the loss of the proceeds derived from the lottery contribution reallocated pursuant to P.L.2017, c.98 (C.5:9-22.5 et al.) from the State General Fund to Common Pension Fund L. Provided however, that any transfer shall take effect 20 days after written notice thereof is provided to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, if the committee takes no action disapproving a transfer. Any appropriation shifted from the State General Fund to the Property Tax Relief Fund pursuant to this provision shall be appropriated in a manner consistent with the provisions of Article VIII, Section I, paragraph 7 of the New Jersey Constitution and the Director may warrant the necessary payments from the Property Tax Relief Fund, provided further, however, that all available unreserved, undesignated fund balance in the Property Tax Relief Fund as determined by the State Treasurer shall be used to support the appropriations.
93. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.2006, c.43, or any other law or regulation to the contrary, the amount hereinabove appropriated for the Health Care Subsidy Fund is subject to the following condition: the assessment on net written premiums received from each health maintenance organization shall be made available to fund any qualified expenditure that can be paid from the Health Care Subsidy Fund.
94. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, and in addition to the amounts hereinabove appropriated for the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Department of the Treasury, the amount necessary to pay for the operational costs incurred by various departments to meet the statutory requirements of P.L.2019, c.141 (C.17B:27A-57 et seq.) is appropriated from the Health Insurance Exchange Trust Fund, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
95. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 8 of P.L.1992, c.160 (C.26:2H-18.58) or any other law or regulation to the contrary, \$20,655,000 is appropriated from the Health Care Subsidy Fund to the Department of Health to fund the Quality Improvement Program - New Jersey.
96. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, amounts deposited into the "Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief Fund" pursuant to P.L.1997, c.167 (C.52:27D-438 et al.) are appropriated to the General Fund as State revenue.
97. In addition to the amounts hereinabove appropriated for programs and services to address the COVID-19 pandemic and any other federally declared emergency, there are appropriated to the various departments and agencies, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in consultation with the State Treasurer, such amounts as are determined to be necessary to support costs that are not eligible for federal reimbursement or costs that require a State cost share pending the federal cost share reimbursement.
98. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, the costs of State department purchases of products in compliance with P.L.2020, c.117 (C.13:1E-99.126 et seq.), which prohibited the provision or sale of certain single-use carryout bags, plastic straws, and polystyrene foam food service products, are appropriated from the Clean Energy Fund.
99. Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) in the Department of Human Services shall require all Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to annually report the percentage of total medical expenditures paid for primary care services, beginning with 2020. DMAHS shall require the MCOs to use and report on the two uniform definitions of primary care services which are delineated as "broad" and "narrow" as established by the Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative and Milbank Memorial Fund. The data on these two measures shall be published annually, by MCO, on the NJ FamilyCare website. In addition, the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (DPB) shall annually report the data on the same two measures of primary care spending for each of the state funded plans that it administers and publish the information on its website annually. Nothing herein shall require DMAHS, DPB, or MCOs to report and publicly disclose any specific rates of reimbursement for any specific primary care services. In collaboration with DMAHS and the Department of Banking and Insurance, the Office of the Treasurer, the DPB shall conduct a market scan of State-funded team-based primary care models (including but not limited to the Comprehensive Primary Care initiatives and Patient Centered Medical Home models) currently in use in markets in the State that are funded in any part with State revenue. The market scan shall include a detailed description of all the quality, efficiency, and performance measures used in the models and shall be made publicly available on the DPB website. The market scan shall be used by the State to develop an aligned high-quality team-based primary care model or models (that emphasize capitation and performance payments over a fee for service reimbursement model) that shall be included in all State-funded health benefits and health insurance programs.
100. There are appropriated such additional amounts as may be required to pay claims not payable from the Tort Claims Liability Fund or payable under the "New Jersey Contractual Liability Act", N.J.S.59:13-1 et seq., as recommended by the Attorney General and as the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall determine. The amounts appropriated are available for the payment of direct costs of legal, administrative, and medical services related to the investigation, mitigation, and litigation of claims not payable from the Tort Claims Liability Fund or payable under the "New Jersey Contractual Liability Act," as recommended by the Attorney General and as the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall determine. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, claims or costs paid from the monies appropriated under this paragraph on behalf of entities funded, in whole or in part from non-State funds, may be reimbursed from such non-State funds sources as determined by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. Appropriations under this paragraph shall not be available to pay punitive damages and shall not be deemed a waiver of any immunity by the State.
101. Any funds that may be received by the State of New Jersey deposited in the "Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund" established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2023, c.25 (C.26:2G-39), are appropriated and may be transferred to other State departments as directed by the Commissioner of Human Services in support of the purposes provided for in P.L.2023, c.25, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
102. In addition to the amounts hereinabove appropriated for the Cannabis Regulatory Commission, there are appropriated such additional amounts to pay for costs associated with implementing the "New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act," P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.), and the legalization of medical and personal use cannabis as determined by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

LANGUAGE PROVISIONS

103. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.) or any other law or regulation to the contrary, revenues collected from the Social Equity Excise Fee pursuant to subsection d. of section 41 of P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-50) are appropriated for the following purposes: \$11,924,000 to the Department of Corrections to support Purchase of Community Services grants as determined by the Commissioner of Corrections, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the Social Equity Excise Fee account are appropriated for the same purpose, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
104. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.), including paragraph (1) of subsection b. of section 41 of P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-50), or any other law or regulation to the contrary, revenues deposited into the “Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Fund” are appropriated for the following purposes: \$25,500,000 to the Department of Law and Public Safety for Violence Intervention programs including Hospital-Based Violence Intervention and Community-Based Violence Intervention programs as determined by the Attorney General; \$2,000,000 to the Department of State to support the New Jersey-Based Children’s Defense Fund Freedom Schools grant program as determined by the Secretary of State; \$8,000,000 to the Department of Community Affairs to support the Anti-violence Out-of-School Youth Summer Program, which shall provide grants to the cities of Newark, Trenton, Paterson, and Atlantic City as determined by the Commissioner of Community Affairs; \$7,000,000 to the Department of Corrections to support the Release Support Partnership Program as determined by the Commissioner of Corrections; \$28,448,000 to the Department of Community Affairs to support Transitional Aid to Localities as determined by the Commissioner of Community Affairs; \$1,800,000 to Rutgers, the State University - Newark for the Scholarship and Transformative Education in Prison Program as determined by the Secretary of Higher Education; and \$1,100,000 to the Youth Justice Commission to support the Restorative and Transformative Justice for Youths and Communities Pilot Program (P.L.2021, c.196) as determined by the Executive Director of the Youth Justice Commission, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the “Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Fund” account are appropriated for the same purpose, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
105. Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.) or any other law or regulation to the contrary, revenues deposited into the Underage Deterrence and Prevention Account pursuant to subsection e. of section 41 of P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-50) are appropriated for the following purposes: \$1,000,000 to the Department of Human Services for a grant to Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey as determined by the Commissioner of Human Services; and \$5,400,000 to support the Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder as determined by the Executive Director of the Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the Underage Deterrence and Prevention Account are appropriated for the same purpose, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
106. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, provided that sufficient funds are available, revenues deposited into the “Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Fund” pursuant to section 41 of P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-50) may be reallocated as determined by the State Treasurer and subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting to fund programs appropriated from revenues deposited into the “Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Fund” pursuant to section 41 of P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-50).
107. Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, the amount hereinabove appropriated for Direct Support Professionals Wage Increase shall be used to provide payments, based upon the wage increase established in fiscal year 2024 for each direct support professional, or professional with an equivalent title and job function, who provides children’s behavioral health services or assists children or adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities under a provider contract or fee-for-service agreement with the Department of Children and Families, the Division of Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Human Services, or the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
108. The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the Family Planning Facilities Upgrades (HCFFA) account in the Department of Health, the OB/GYN Clinical Training Program account in the Department of Law and Public Safety, and the Reproductive Health Security Grant Program account within the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness are appropriated and transferred to the Reproductive Health Access Fund, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
109. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of P.L.2004, c.48 (C.52:17C-19) or any other law or regulation to the contrary, an amount not less than 10 percent of receipts from the 9-1-1 System and Emergency Response Assessment shall be deposited into a dedicated 9-1-1 Subaccount in the 9-1-1 System and Emergency Response Trust Fund Account. The monies in the 9-1-1 Subaccount shall be appropriated only for the purposes authorized by 47 C.F.R. § 9.23 or any other federal law authorizing the use of 9-1-1 fees or charges, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.
110. There are appropriated to the respective State departments and agencies such amounts as are determined to be necessary, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, to pay for necessary costs and expenses associated with performing host city responsibilities related to the men’s 2026 FIFA World Cup tournament.
111. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.