16 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security

55 Social Services Programs

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"Department of Children and Families, Total State Appropriation            | $1,064,509,000 |
This item is reduced to $1,064,359,000.                                    |            |

22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security

55 Social Services Programs

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<td>Home Front, Mercer County</td>
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"Department of Community Affairs, Total State Appropriation $1,297,235,000." This item is reduced to $1,295,501,000.

34 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development
31 Direct Educational Services and Assistance

STATE AID

"03-5120 Miscellaneous Grants-In-Aid $114,900,000." This item is reduced to $113,900,000.

"(From General Fund $5,991,000)." This item is reduced to $4,991,000.

"Total State Aid Appropriation, Direct Educational Services and Assistance $7,724,382,000." This item is reduced to $7,723,382,000.

"(From General Fund $415,301,000)." This item is reduced to $414,301,000.

State Aid:

55 | 03 Montclair Board of Education - Minority Student Achievement Network | ($1,000,000).* | This item is deleted in its entirety. |
"Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law or regulation to the contrary, a regional school district in which the actual October, 2006 resident enrollment as reported in the Application for State School Aid is at least 7,600 and the total comparative cost per pupil for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 as reported in the March, 2007 Comparative Spending Guide is less than $12,500 shall be eligible to receive Supplemental Regionalization Incentive Aid. The aid shall be calculated by multiplying $40 by the district's projected October, 2007 resident enrollment, as determined by the department. Any school district receiving aid pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1999, c.438 (C.18A:7F-32.1) shall not be eligible to receive Supplemental Regionalization Incentive Aid."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

**30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development**

**34 Educational Support Services**

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"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Educational Support Services | $22,038,000.

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<td>Liberty Science Center - Educational Services</td>
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This item is reduced to $5,750,000.

**STATE AID**

**State Aid:**

"Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, amounts hereinabove appropriated for the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund are subject to the condition that, effective with the first pay period beginning after July 1, 2007, members enrolled in the retirement system for whom the employer contribution is funded by the appropriation for the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund shall contribute 5.5% of compensation to the system."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

"Department of Education, Total State Appropriation | $11,003,432,000.

This item is reduced to $11,002,082,000.

**42 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**40 Community Development and Environmental Management**

**42 Natural Resource Management**

**DIRECT STATE SERVICES**

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<td>Shellfish and Marine Fisheries Management</td>
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This item is reduced to $1,885,000.

"Total Direct State Services Appropriation, Natural Resource Management | $69,739,000.

This item is reduced to $69,589,000.

**Direct State Services:**

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<td>Oyster Resource Development</td>
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This item is deleted in its entirety.

**CAPITAL**

**Capital:**
"Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L.1954, c.48 (C.52:34-6 et seq.), of the amounts appropriated for improvements in State parks, the Department of Environmental Protection may enter into a contract with the Waterloo Foundation for the Arts for improvements to existing State-owned structures or for the construction of new facilities at Waterloo Village."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

"Department of Environmental Protection, Total State Appropriation $405,993,000."
This item is reduced to $405,843,000.

46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

20 Physical and Mental Health

21 Health Services

DIRECT STATE SERVICES

"03-4230 Public Health Protection Services $30,784,000."
This item is reduced to $30,784,000.

"Total Direct State Services Appropriation, Health Services $44,709,000."
This item is reduced to $44,679,000.

Direct State Services:

84 "03 Review of Evacuation Readiness at Institutional Health Care Facilities ($30,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

GRANTS-IN-AID

"02-4220 Family Health Services $140,584,000."
This item is reduced to $140,134,000.

"(From General Fund $140,055,000)."
This item is reduced to $139,605,000.

"03-4230 Public Health Protection Services $75,073,000."
This item is reduced to $72,403,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Health Services $246,264,000."
This item is reduced to $242,615,000.

"(From General Fund $245,735,000)."
This item is reduced to $242,615,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

86 "02 Federally Qualified Health Centers - Services to the Homeless ($750,000)."
This item is reduced to $500,000.

86 "02 Area Health Education Centers ($160,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

86 "02 Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative, Inc. ($40,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

86 "03 Cancer Research ($32,000,000)."
This item is reduced to $29,850,000.

86 "03 Cancer Institute of New Jersey, South Jersey Program - Debt Service ($6,900,000)."
This item is reduced to $6,400,000.

87 "03 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society - Patient Services Program ($20,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.
"The Commissioner shall allocate the amount hereinabove appropriated for Federally Qualified Health Care Centers - Services to the Homeless to provide not less than ($75,000) to each of the 5 five centers that received State funds in Fiscal Year 2007 for serving the homeless, and in allocating funds in excess of that amount to each center shall consider factors including, but not limited to, the number, type and location of available services, the growth in health care visits, and the availability of extended hours and specialty care services."

The language within double parentheses is reduced to $50,000.

"From the amount hereinabove appropriated for Cancer Research, (($32,000,000)) shall be allocated as follows: Cancer Institute of New Jersey, Newark, (($7,500,000)); Cancer Institute of New Jersey, South Jersey, (($7,500,000)); Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, (($7,500,000)); St. Barnabas Medical Center, (($1,000,000)); The Cancer Center at Hackensack University Medical Center, (($7,500,000)); and Garden State Cancer Center, (($1,000,000)). Each recipient of these funds shall report to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee not later than June 1, 2008 concerning the expenditure of its allocated funds."

The language within double parentheses is reduced to $29,850,000 for Cancer Research; The language within double parentheses is reduced to $7,000,000 for Cancer Institute of New Jersey, Newark; The language within double parentheses is reduced to $7,000,000 for Cancer Institute of New Jersey, South Jersey; The language within double parentheses is reduced to $7,000,000 for Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick; The language within double parentheses is reduced to $925,000 for St. Barnabas Medical Center; The language within double parentheses is reduced to $7,000,000 for The Cancer Center at Hackensack University Medical Center; The language within double parentheses is reduced to $925,000 for Garden State Cancer Center.

20 Physical and Mental Health

26 Senior Services

GRANTS-IN-AID

"55-4275 Programs for the Aged
This item is reduced to $29,680,000.

"(From General Fund $15,235,000)."
This item is reduced to $15,003,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Senior Services $1,217,700,000."
This item is reduced to $1,217,468,000.

"(From General Fund $938,301,000)."
This item is reduced to $938,069,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

94 " 55 Family and Childrens' Service - New Jersey Eldercare Resource Center (NJERC) ($150,000).*
This item is deleted in its entirety.

94 " 55 UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey - Meal Program ($82,000).*
This item is deleted in its entirety.

"Department of Health and Senior Services, Total State Appropriation $1,748,124,000."
This item is reduced to $1,744,742,000.
54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

20 Physical and Mental Health
27 Disability Services

7545 Division Of Disability Services

GRANTS-IN-AID

"27-7545 Disability Services $171,488,000."
This item is reduced to $171,473,000.
"(From General Fund $91,160,000)."
This item is reduced to $91,145,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Division Of Disability Services $171,488,000."
This item is reduced to $171,473,000.
"(From General Fund $91,160,000)."
This item is reduced to $91,145,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

120 " 27 Eastern Christian Children's Retreat ($190,000)." This item is reduced to $175,000.

30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development
32 Operation and Support of Educational Institutions

7601 Community Programs

GRANTS-IN-AID

"02-7601 Social Supervision and Consultation $83,037,000."
This item is reduced to $82,887,000.
"(From General Fund $56,617,000)."
This item is reduced to $56,467,000.

"Total Appropriation, State, Federal and All Other Funds $834,527,000."
This item is reduced to $834,377,000.
"(From General Fund $509,736,000)."
This item is reduced to $509,586,000.

Less:

"Total Deductions $292,275,000."
"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Community Programs $542,252,000."

Grants-In-Aid:

123 " 02 New Jersey Institute of Disabilities ($400,000)." This item is reduced to $250,000.
GRANTS-IN-AID

"15-7550  Income Maintenance Management
This item is reduced to $550,797,000.
"(From General Fund
This item is reduced to $270,707,000.)
"Total Appropriation, State, Federal and All Other Funds
This item is reduced to $551,297,000.
"(From General Fund
This item is reduced to $271,207,000.)

Less:
"Total Deductions
$280,090,000.
"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Division Of Family Development
This item is reduced to $270,707,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

132  " 15  Hispanic Directors Association of New Jersey
This item is deleted in its entirety.

70  Government Direction, Management, and Control
76  Management and Administration
7500 Division Of Management And Budget

GRANTS-IN-AID

"99-7500  Administration and Support Services
This item is reduced to $23,997,000.
"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Division Of Management And Budget
This item is reduced to $24,047,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

138  " 99  United Way 2-1-1 System
This item is reduced to $250,000.

"Department of Human Services, Total State Appropriation
This item is reduced to $4,889,607,000.

66  DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
80  Special Government Services
82  Protection of Citizens' Rights

GRANTS-IN-AID

"19-1440  Victims of Crime Compensation Board
This item is reduced to $50,000.
"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Protection of Citizens' Rights
This item is reduced to $100,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

161  " 19  New Jersey Crime Victims Law Center
This item is reduced to $50,000.
**State of New Jersey**  
*Executive Department*

"Department of Law and Public Safety, Total State Appropriation  
This item is reduced to $635,441,000."

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### 67 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

#### 80 Special Government Services

#### 83 Services to Veterans

#### 3610 Veterans' Program Support

**GRANTS-IN-AID**

"50-3610 Veterans' Outreach and Assistance  
This item is reduced to $3,009,000."

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Veterans' Program Support  
This item is reduced to $3,009,000."

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<td>50 Camden County Veterans Affairs Office - Transportation Services</td>
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"Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, Total State Appropriation  
This item is reduced to $93,518,000."

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### 74 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

#### 30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development

#### 36 Higher Educational Services

#### 2410 Rutgers, The State University

**GRANTS-IN-AID**

"82-2410 Institutional Support  
This item is reduced to $1,636,436,000."

"Subtotal General Operations  
This item is reduced to $1,636,436,000."

**Less:**

"Total Income Deductions  
This item is reduced to $294,904,000."

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<td>82 Oral History Archive</td>
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"Total Appropriation, Rutgers, The State University  
This item is reduced to $295,004,000."
## 2415 Agricultural Experiment Station

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## 2440 Thomas A. Edison State College

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**Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Cultural and Intellectual Development Services**

This item is reduced to $36,727,000.

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<td>182 &quot;05  Rutgers Camden Center for the Arts -- Walter K. Gordon Theater</td>
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<td>This item is reduced to $2,800,000.</td>
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<td>183 &quot;07  Ellis Island New Jersey Foundation, Inc.</td>
<td>This item is reduced to $550,000.</td>
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<td>183 &quot;07  New Jersey Council for the Humanities</td>
<td>This item is reduced to $235,000.</td>
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"Department of State, Total State Appropriation

This item is reduced to $1,290,571,000.
"49-2155  Miscellaneous Higher Education Programs
This item is reduced to $99,578,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Higher Educational Services
This item is reduced to $121,250,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

198  "49  Union County College - Multi-Service System for Inmates and Ex-Offenders
This item is deleted in its entirety.

"Department of The Treasury, Total State Appropriation
This item is reduced to $3,756,086,000.

94 INTERDEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

"Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, amounts hereinabove appropriated for the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund and the Public Employees' Retirement System are subject to the condition that, effective with the first pay period beginning after July 1, 2007, members enrolled in the retirement system for whom the employer contribution is funded by the appropriation for the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund and the Public Employees' Retirement System shall contribute 5.5% of compensation to the system."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

Total State Appropriation, All State Funds
This item is reduced to $33,470,914,000.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

"75. There are appropriated such sums as may be necessary for legal and engineering fees, financial advisors and other consultants and services associated with, as well as any other costs determined necessary in preparation for, the monetization((, sale, )) or lease of public assets, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting."

The language within double parentheses is deleted.
State of New Jersey
Executive Department

16 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

33 The appropriation of $100,000 for Jewish Family Service of Clifton/Passaic - Riskin Children's Center is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

33 The appropriation of $50,000 for United Way of Central Jersey - Nurse/Family Partnership Program is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

41 The appropriation of $350,000 for the Grant to ASPIRA is reduced. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. But I believe that this reduced amount is more appropriate in light of our continuing obligation to closely review all discretionary spending. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization may rely on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund its operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if State-funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing programs in the appropriate departments rather than a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

41 The appropriation of $1,500,000 for The Boys and Girls Club of New Jersey is reduced. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. But I believe that this reduced amount is more appropriate in light of our continuing obligation to closely review all discretionary spending. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization may rely on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund its operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if State-funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing programs in the appropriate departments rather than a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

41 The appropriation of $150,000 for the Hispanic Research and Information Center is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

41 The appropriation of $300,000 for The Children's Institute, Verona is reduced. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. But I believe that this reduced amount is more appropriate in light of our continuing obligation to closely review all discretionary spending. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization may rely on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund its operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if State-funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing programs in the appropriate departments rather than a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.
The appropriation of $300,000 for the New Jersey State Association of Jewish Federations - Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) Pilot Program is reduced. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. But I believe that this reduced amount is more appropriate in light of our continuing obligation to closely review all discretionary spending. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization may rely on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund its operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if State-funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $50,000 for the Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $50,000 for the Main Street Counseling Center, West Orange is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $400,000 for the Municipal Park Initiative - Park Ranger Program is reduced. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. But I believe that this reduced amount is more appropriate in light of our continuing obligation to closely review all discretionary spending. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization may rely on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund its operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if State-funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing programs in the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $100,000 for Mentor Power is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $30,000 for Christ Church Community Development Corp., Hackensack - Next Step Initiative / Peter's Place Safe Haven is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $50,000 for the Bayshore Senior Health, Education and Recreation Center is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $48,000 for the Jewish Family and Vocational Services of Middlesex County, Inc. - Afterschool Support Program of Teens (SPOT) is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.
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42 The appropriation of $75,000 for the Spirit of Newark / NJ is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

42 The appropriation of $100,000 for Women in Support of the Million Man March, Inc. is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

42 The appropriation of $50,000 for the Newark Bears Children's Educational and Sportmanship Foundation - 2008 Academic Scholarship Superstars is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

42 The appropriation of $100,000 for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton - Emergency and Community Services is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

42 The appropriation of $50,000 for Home Front, Mercer County is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

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34 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

55 The appropriation of $1,000,000 for Montclair Board of Education - Minority Student Achievement Network is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

55 Language expanding eligibility for regionalization incentive aid is deleted in its entirety. The FY 2008 Appropriations Act does not include the required associated increase in funds. Based on clarification from the Office of Legislative Services on the intent of the language, the additional cost is estimated at almost $22,000,000.

63 The appropriation of $6,100,000 for Liberty Science Center - Educational Services is reduced. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. But I believe that this reduced amount is more appropriate in light of our continuing need to closely review all discretionary spending. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization relies on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if publicly funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing programs in the appropriate departments rather than a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.
Language establishing a 5.5 percent pension contribution for TPAF members is deleted in its entirety. Provisions regarding employee contributions to the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund are included in separate legislation that is being enacted in conjunction with the enactment of the FY 2008 Appropriations Act.

42 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The appropriation of $150,000 for Oyster Resource Development is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. But I believe that this reduced amount is more appropriate in light of our continuing obligation to closely review all discretionary spending. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization may rely on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund its operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if State-funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing programs in the appropriate departments rather than a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

The appropriation of $30,000 for Review of Evacuation Readiness at Institutional Health Care Facilities is eliminated. I agree with the concept and will ask the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to use their existing resources in developing an evacuation readiness plan from existing programs rather than special appropriations.

The appropriation of $750,000 for Federally Qualified Health Centers - Services to the Homeless is reduced. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization may rely on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund its operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if State-funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing programs in the appropriate departments rather than a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $160,000 for Area Health Education Centers is eliminated. Based on current information, the fiscal year 2007 appropriation for this program remains unspent.

The appropriation of $40,000 for Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative, Inc. is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $32,000,000 for Cancer Research is reduced. I believe that decisions regarding the funding of the State’s various cancer centers should be coordinated by a central agency rather than made through the addition of language in the General Appropriations Law that directs specific sums to specific institutions. To address this concern I am requesting that the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, in coordination with the Director of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, develop criteria for a peer review process to assist in the allocation of cancer research funding in the future. I would expect that this peer review process will eliminate the practice of adding language in the General Appropriations Law that directs specific sums of cancer research funding to specific institutions, and I am not likely to look favorably on any allocation of cancer research funding that does not result from the peer review process developed as set forth above.

The appropriation of $6,900,000 for Cancer Institute of New Jersey, South Jersey Program - Debt Service is reduced. I believe that decisions regarding the funding of the State’s various cancer centers should be coordinated by a central agency rather than made through the addition of language in the General Appropriations Law that directs specific sums to specific institutions. To address this concern I am requesting that the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, in coordination with the Director of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, develop criteria for a peer review process to assist in the allocation of cancer research funding in the future. I would expect that this peer review process will eliminate the practice of adding language in the General Appropriations Law that directs specific sums of cancer research funding to specific institutions, and I am not likely to look favorably on any allocation of cancer research funding that does not result from the peer review process developed as set forth above.

The appropriation of $20,000 for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society - Patient Services Program is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that funding decisions as to programs of this type ordinarily are made through the standard budget-development process of State departments and agencies that receive appropriations through the General Appropriations Law. I recommend that the relevant department or agency consider funding for this item in that context.
The appropriation of $150,000 for Family and Children's Service - New Jersey Eldercare Resource Center (NJERC) is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that funding decisions as to programs of this type ordinarily are made through the standard budget-development process of State departments and agencies that receive appropriations through the General Appropriations Law. I recommend that the relevant department or agency consider funding for this item in that context.

The appropriation of $82,000 for UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey - Meal Program is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $190,000 for Eastern Christian Children's Retreat is reduced. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. But I believe that this reduced amount is more appropriate in light of our continuing obligation to closely review all discretionary spending. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization may rely on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund its operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if State-funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing programs in the appropriate departments rather than a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $400,000 for New Jersey Institute of Disabilities is reduced. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. But I believe that this reduced amount is more appropriate in light of our continuing obligation to closely review all discretionary spending. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization may rely on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund its operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if State-funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing programs in the appropriate departments rather than a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $500,000 for Hispanic Directors Association of New Jersey is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that funding decisions as to programs of this type ordinarily are made through the standard budget-development process of State departments and agencies that receive appropriations through the General Appropriations Law. I recommend that the relevant department or agency consider funding for this item in that context.

The appropriation of $300,000 for United Way 2-1-1 System is reduced. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. But I believe that this reduced amount is more appropriate in light of our continuing obligation to closely review all discretionary spending. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization may rely on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund its operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if State-funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing programs in the appropriate departments rather than a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $100,000 for New Jersey Crime Victims Law Center is reduced. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. But I believe that this reduced amount is more appropriate in light of our continuing obligation to closely review all discretionary spending. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization may rely on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund its operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if State-funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing programs in the appropriate departments rather than a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.
The appropriation of $50,000 for Gloucester County Veterans Affairs Office - Transportation Services is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $50,000 for Camden County Veterans Affairs Office - Transportation Services is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would not fund programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. If State funding for local programs or services of this type is appropriate, it should be provided through existing grant mechanisms administered by the appropriate departments rather than through a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $50,000 for Concrete Industry Management Program is eliminated. If this initiative is an institutional priority, the institution should reallocate funding for it from available resources.

The appropriation for General Institutional Operations (Thomas Edison State College) is being reduced from $6.1 million to $5.9 million. I cannot support special appropriations for college operating costs. In addition to the $5.9 million appropriated for General Institutional Operations, Thomas Edison State College will receive almost $1.9 million in support for rent and utilities, which the State does not provide for other colleges and universities. Additionally, Thomas Edison has been excluded from out-of-state tuition adjustments, although more than 60% of Edison's students are not New Jersey residents.

The appropriation of $100,000 for Edison Symphony Orchestra is eliminated. I am troubled by the inclusion of specific line-item appropriations in the General Appropriations Law for specific arts or cultural organizations when State law provides a process through the State Council on the Arts in the Department of State, funded by a general appropriation, for arts and cultural organizations to seek needed funding. Edison Symphony Orchestra did not seek funding from the State Council on the Arts in fiscal 2007. I recognize that there may be some concerns that the processes used by the State Council on the Arts may not meet the demonstrated needs of the arts and cultural community. I am therefore requesting that the Secretary of State and the State Council on the Arts review the processes used by the Council and recommend changes, if necessary. I would expect that this review and any changes to the processes of the State Council on the Arts that it may bring will eliminate or at least dramatically curtail the practice of including specific line-item appropriations for arts and cultural organizations in the General Appropriations Law, and I am not likely to look favorably on any such specific line-item appropriations in the future.

The appropriation of $100,000 for Lenape Regional Performing Arts Center is reduced. I am troubled by the inclusion of specific line-item appropriations in the General Appropriations Law for specific arts or cultural organizations when State law provides a process through the State Council on the Arts in the Department of State, funded by a general appropriation, for arts and cultural organizations to seek needed funding. I recognize that there may be some concerns that the processes used by the State Council on the Arts may not meet the demonstrated needs of the arts and cultural community. I am therefore requesting that the Secretary of State and the State Council on the Arts review the processes used by the Council and recommend changes, if necessary. I would expect that this review and any changes to the processes of the State Council on the Arts that it may bring will eliminate or at least dramatically curtail the practice of including specific line-item appropriations for arts and cultural organizations in the General Appropriations Law, and I am not likely to look favorably on any such specific line-item appropriations in the future.
The appropriation of $100,000 for Bergen Performing Arts Center is reduced. I am troubled by the inclusion of specific line-item appropriations in the General Appropriations Law for specific arts or cultural organizations when State law provides a process through the State Council on the Arts in the Department of State, funded by a general appropriation, for arts and cultural organizations to seek needed funding. I recognize that there may be some concerns that the processes used by the State Council on the Arts may not meet the demonstrated needs of the arts and cultural community. I am therefore requesting that the Secretary of State and the State Council on the Arts review the processes used by the Council and recommend changes, if necessary. I would expect that this review and any changes to the processes of the State Council on the Arts that it may bring will eliminate or at least dramatically curtail the practice of including specific line-item appropriations for arts and cultural organizations in the General Appropriations Law, and I am not likely to look favorably on any such specific line-item appropriations in the future.

The appropriation of $350,000 for Boheme Opera New Jersey is reduced. I am troubled by the inclusion of specific line-item appropriations in the General Appropriations Law for specific arts or cultural organizations when State law provides a process through the State Council on the Arts in the Department of State, funded by a general appropriation, for arts and cultural organizations to seek needed funding. I recognize that there may be some concerns that the processes used by the State Council on the Arts may not meet the demonstrated needs of the arts and cultural community. I am therefore requesting that the Secretary of State and the State Council on the Arts review the processes used by the Council and recommend changes, if necessary. I would expect that this review and any changes to the processes of the State Council on the Arts that it may bring will eliminate or at least dramatically curtail the practice of including specific line-item appropriations for arts and cultural organizations in the General Appropriations Law, and I am not likely to look favorably on any such specific line-item appropriations in the future.

The appropriation of $400,000 for Rutgers Camden Center for the Arts -- Walter K. Gordon Theater is reduced. I am troubled by the inclusion of specific line-item appropriations in the General Appropriations Law for specific arts or cultural organizations when State law provides a process through the State Council on the Arts in the Department of State, funded by a general appropriation, for arts and cultural organizations to seek needed funding. I recognize that there may be some concerns that the processes used by the State Council on the Arts may not meet the demonstrated needs of the arts and cultural community. I am therefore requesting that the Secretary of State and the State Council on the Arts review the processes used by the Council and recommend changes, if necessary. I would expect that this review and any changes to the processes of the State Council on the Arts that it may bring will eliminate or at least dramatically curtail the practice of including specific line-item appropriations for arts and cultural organizations in the General Appropriations Law, and I am not likely to look favorably on any such specific line-item appropriations in the future.

The appropriation of $40,000 for Oskar Schindler Performing Arts Center is reduced. I am troubled by the inclusion of specific line-item appropriations in the General Appropriations Law for specific arts or cultural organizations when State law provides a process through the State Council on the Arts in the Department of State, funded by a general appropriation, for arts and cultural organizations to seek needed funding. I recognize that there may be some concerns that the processes used by the State Council on the Arts may not meet the demonstrated needs of the arts and cultural community. I am therefore requesting that the Secretary of State and the State Council on the Arts review the processes used by the Council and recommend changes, if necessary. I would expect that this review and any changes to the processes of the State Council on the Arts that it may bring will eliminate or at least dramatically curtail the practice of including specific line-item appropriations for arts and cultural organizations in the General Appropriations Law, and I am not likely to look favorably on any such specific line-item appropriations in the future.

The appropriation of $50,000 for Rutgers Camden Center for the Arts -- Walter K. Gordon Theater is reduced. I am troubled by the inclusion of specific line-item appropriations in the General Appropriations Law for specific arts or cultural organizations when State law provides a process through the State Council on the Arts in the Department of State, funded by a general appropriation, for arts and cultural organizations to seek needed funding. I recognize that there may be some concerns that the processes used by the State Council on the Arts may not meet the demonstrated needs of the arts and cultural community. I am therefore requesting that the Secretary of State and the State Council on the Arts review the processes used by the Council and recommend changes, if necessary. I would expect that this review and any changes to the processes of the State Council on the Arts that it may bring will eliminate or at least dramatically curtail the practice of including specific line-item appropriations for arts and cultural organizations in the General Appropriations Law, and I am not likely to look favorably on any such specific line-item appropriations in the future.
The appropriation of $300,000,000 for Paper Mill Playhouse is reduced. I am troubled by the inclusion of specific line-item appropriations in the General Appropriations Law for specific arts or cultural organizations when State law provides a process through the State Council on the Arts in the Department of State, funded by a general appropriation, for arts and cultural organizations to seek needed funding. I recognize that there may be some concerns that the processes used by the State Council on the Arts may not meet the demonstrated needs of the arts and cultural community. I am therefore requesting that the Secretary of State and the State Council on the Arts review the processes used by the Council and recommend changes, if necessary. I would expect that this review and any changes to the processes of the State Council on the Arts that it may bring will eliminate or at least dramatically curtail the practice of including specific line-item appropriations for arts and cultural organizations in the General Appropriations Law, and I am not likely to look favorably on any such specific line-item appropriations in the future.

The appropriation of $200,000 for Montclair Art Museum is reduced. I am troubled by the inclusion of specific line-item appropriations in the General Appropriations Law for specific arts or cultural organizations when State law provides a process through the State Council on the Arts in the Department of State, funded by a general appropriation, for arts and cultural organizations to seek needed funding. I recognize that there may be some concerns that the processes used by the State Council on the Arts may not meet the demonstrated needs of the arts and cultural community. I am therefore requesting that the Secretary of State and the State Council on the Arts review the processes used by the Council and recommend changes, if necessary. I would expect that this review and any changes to the processes of the State Council on the Arts that it may bring will eliminate or at least dramatically curtail the practice of including specific line-item appropriations for arts and cultural organizations in the General Appropriations Law, and I am not likely to look favorably on any such specific line-item appropriations in the future.

The appropriation of $300,000 for Thomas Edison Museum is reduced. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. But I believe that this reduced amount is more appropriate in light of our continuing obligation to closely review all discretionary spending. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization may rely on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund its operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if State-funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing programs in the appropriate departments rather than a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law. I am not likely to look favorably on any such specific line-item appropriations in the future.

The appropriation of $200,000 for Museum for Contemporary Sciences is reduced. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. But I believe that this reduced amount is more appropriate in light of our continuing obligation to closely review all discretionary spending. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization may rely on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund its operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if State-funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing programs in the appropriate departments rather than a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.
The appropriation of $600,000 for Ellis Island New Jersey Foundation, Inc. is reduced. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. But I believe that this reduced amount is more appropriate in light of our continuing obligation to closely review all discretionary spending. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization may rely on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund its operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if State-funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing programs in the appropriate departments rather than a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $250,000 for New Jersey Council for the Humanities is reduced. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that this appropriation would fund needed programs or services that would be available on a statewide or regional basis. But I believe that this reduced amount is more appropriate in light of our continuing obligation to closely review all discretionary spending. I also am concerned to the extent that an organization may rely on a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law to fund its operating expenses and urge that this practice be ended so that, if State-funded operating support is appropriate, that support would be provided through existing programs in the appropriate departments rather than a specific line-item appropriation in the General Appropriations Law.

The appropriation of $317,000 for Union County College - Multi-Service System for Inmates and Ex-Offenders is eliminated. Based on information provided in the budget resolution regarding this item, it appears that funding decisions as to programs of this type ordinarily are made through the standard budget-development process of State departments and agencies that receive appropriations through the General Appropriations Law. I recommend that the relevant department or agency consider funding for this item in that context.

Language establishing a 5.5 percent pension contribution for TPAF and PERS members is deleted in its entirety. Provisions regarding employee contributions to the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund and the Public Employees' Retirement System are included in separate legislation that is being enacted in conjunction with the enactment of the FY 2008 Appropriations Act.
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Language appropriating funds for the study of asset monetization initiatives is modified to delete "sale" from the allowable areas to be studied. This funding is required to support the work of financial advisors, lawyers, engineers, and traffic consultants advising the administration on alternative approaches to asset monetization. Each of those advisors’ services has been procured through the State’s standard competitive bidding process. Every effort has been, and will be, made to minimize the expense associated with this endeavor.

However, I believe government's most important responsibility is to provide for the future. While I am proud of this budget, I remain concerned that in the absence of bold, new action, we face an uncertain future. We must find ways to reduce the unacceptable debt that burdens this budget, and the taxpayers of New Jersey. At the same time, we simply cannot afford to fall short in our responsibility to build and maintain the infrastructure necessary to create jobs and economic growth. The status quo is not an option. As without bold action, our state will inevitably be confronted with deterioration in our core infrastructure. Accordingly, I have made it the highest priority of this administration to identify alternatives that would allow us to meet these goals.

The original language allowed for the study to encompass alternatives that included a sale of assets. As it relates to critical infrastructure, I believe that a sale would entail a loss of control and therefore would not be in the public interest and does not merit further study. Under no circumstances, for as long as I am Governor, will I allow for critical roadways that belong to the people of our state to be sold, or leased to a for-profit company or foreign entity.

Any asset monetization proposal put forth by this administration will adhere to the following principles:

1. New Jersey’s roadways will not be sold; and they will not be leased to a for-profit or foreign operator.
2. Allowable uses of proceeds (reducing State debt and capital investments) will be identified upfront and subject to public and/or legislative approval with safeguards against diversions for other uses.
3. New Jersey citizens will retain ownership and the benefits from both initial proceeds and ongoing operations.
4. Safety, maintenance and operating standards will be provided at current or improved levels.
5. Sufficient funding to meet the long-term capital needs required to improve our roadways and reduce congestion will be provided.
6. Terms and conditions of employment for current employees and contractors will remain unchanged with prevailing wage and competitive contracting procedures retained.
7. Toll schedules will be open, predictable and available to the public.
8. There will be a substantial, open and public discussion in advance of any transaction.

Respectfully,

Jon S. Corzine
Governor

Attested,

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