

P.L. 2009, CHAPTER 207, *approved January 15, 2010*  
Senate Committee Substitute for  
Senate, No. 3064

1 AN ACT providing for the allocation of \$25 million for utility  
2 assistance grants for qualified households.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary of section 12  
8 of P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-60) or any law, or any rule, regulation, or  
9 order adopted pursuant thereto, in the fiscal year commencing July  
10 1, 2010, the Board of Public Utilities shall, from available balances  
11 accumulated in accounts of the board from funds collected through  
12 the societal benefits charge imposed pursuant to that section,  
13 allocate \$25 million to fund the payment of grants to help pay the  
14 gas and electric public utility bills of households seeking temporary  
15 assistance from the New Jersey Statewide Heating Assistance and  
16 Referral for Energy Services, Inc. (NJSHARES) or another  
17 equivalent nonprofit energy organization designated by the board.

18 Within one year after the board shall have completed the  
19 disbursement of grant monies to a nonprofit energy organization  
20 under this section, that nonprofit energy organization shall issue a  
21 report to the board which provides the number of applicants  
22 applying for household utility assistance grants, the number of  
23 households receiving utility assistance grants, the average amount  
24 of assistance provided, the average gross income of households  
25 receiving assistance, the methods and procedures used for the  
26 verification of income or hardship, and any other information as  
27 required by the board. The board shall thereupon submit such  
28 report to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
29 (C.52:14-19.1).

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31 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2010 and shall expire on  
32 the 30th day following submission to the Legislature of the report  
33 required to be issued pursuant to section 1 of this act.

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39 Provides for allocation of \$25 million from available balances  
40 from societal benefits charge revenues for utility assistance grants  
for qualified households.