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SYNOPSIS
“The New Jersey Social Innovation Act”; establishes social innovation loan pilot program and study commission within EDA.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As amended on November 9, 2015 by the General Assembly pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/26/2015)
AN ACT establishing a social innovation loan pilot program concerning preventative health care facilities, and supplementing Title 34 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “New Jersey Social Innovation Act.”

2. As used in P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill):
   “Authority” means the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, established pursuant to P.L.1974, c.80 (C.34:1B-1 et seq.).
   “Eligible organization” means a nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. s.501(c)(3)) [or a for-profit organization], that has applied for participation in the social innovation loan pilot program established pursuant to section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and is selected by the study commission as qualified to receive a loan guarantee from the “social innovation loan fund” established pursuant to section 5 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
   “Pilot program” means the social innovation loan pilot program established pursuant to section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
   “Social innovation loan fund” or “fund” means the fund established pursuant to section 5 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
   “Study commission” means the New Jersey Social Innovation Study Commission established pursuant to section 4 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

3. a. (1) There is established a five-year social innovation loan pilot program within the New Jersey Economic Development Authority to administer and determine the effectiveness of a social innovation loan pilot program. The pilot program shall concern nonprofit health care services with the purpose of encouraging private investment in preventive and early intervention health care to reduce federal, State, and municipal expenditures related to those

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
1Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted June 23, 2014.
2Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor’s recommendations November 9, 2015.
services. The pilot program shall assess the feasibility of expanding
a social innovation loan pilot program Statewide and expanding the
scope of social impact loan guarantees, made pursuant to subsection
b. of this section, beyond the health care sector.

b. Under the pilot program established pursuant to subsection
a. of this section, the authority shall guarantee loans issued to
eligible organizations for the provision of public health care
services which generate positive social outcomes and public sector
cost savings. Each loan shall be facilitated by the study
commission established pursuant to section 4 of P.L. , c. (C. )
(pending before the Legislature as this bill) and consist of:

(1) A lending agreement between an eligible organization, a
lender, and a public sector entity which provides: (a) the eligible
organization with direct funding from a lender in exchange for the
provision of public health care services; (b) the public sector entity
with public health care services in exchange for defined payments
to the lender in an amount proportional to the amount of public
sector savings generated by the provision of those services; and (c)
the lender with loan repayments in exchange for the provision of
funding to an eligible organization.

(2) A loan guarantee agreement between the authority and all
parties to the lending agreement from paragraph (1) of this
subsection which shall require the lending agreement to conform to
any loan requirements established pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. )
(pending before the Legislature as this bill) or by the authority; and

(3) An agreement between the authority, the public sector entity
making performance payments, the eligible organization, and the
lender which agrees to a method of measurement and verification of
the public health care services to be performed, how the public
sector savings are to be calculated, how the interest rate will be
determined, and how funds shall flow between the parties according
to each of the agreements made pursuant to this subsection.

c. Up to 100 percent of the value of a loan agreement entered
into pursuant to subsection b. of this section may be guaranteed by
the authority, provided that the total amount in the aggregate of all
loans guaranteed under the social innovation loan pilot program
established pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the
Legislature as this bill) shall not exceed $15,000,000.

d. The authority, in cooperation with the study commission and
the Department of Human Services, shall offer to guarantee loans
made pursuant to subsection b. of this section utilizing funds from
the social innovation loan fund established pursuant to section 5 of
P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) to
finance a project undertaken for the purposes of subsection b. of
this section. The authority shall consider the following factors:

(1) The economic feasibility of the project;
(2) The degree to which the project will advance Statewide and regional strategies and objectives;

(3) The degree to which the project maximizes the leverage of other State funds; and

(4) The factors listed in paragraph (1) of subsection e. of section 4 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

e. A lender or nonprofit [or for-profit] organization seeking to participate in the social innovation loan pilot program shall submit an application in such form as the authority shall require. The application shall include any information the authority shall determine is necessary in consideration of the provisions of P.L.2011, c.123 (52:14B-21.1 et seq.).

f. A loan guarantee agreement entered into pursuant to subsection b. of this section shall provide that any loan guaranteed by the authority shall: (1) be for a loan having a fair effective interest rate as determined by the authority; and (2) contain other terms and conditions considered appropriate by the authority that are consistent with the purposes of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and with rules and regulations promulgated by the authority to implement P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

g. (1) Consistent with federal law, rule, or regulation, each eligible organization that receives a loan guarantee under P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall undergo an audit, at the organization’s own expense, at least once every two calendar years. The authority shall designate an auditor to conduct the audit.

(2) If an audit is performed under a requirement of federal law, rule, or regulation, the authority shall waive the audit required in this subsection with respect to all issues addressed by the federally required audit report. However, the authority may require an audit of matters that are not, in the authority's judgment, addressed by the federally required report including, but not limited to, measurement and verification of health care intervention activities, and public sector savings.

h. A loan guarantee agreement made pursuant to subsection b. of this section shall provide that any loan guarantee issued by the authority shall be voided if the terms and conditions of the agreement are violated by any party to that loan securitization agreement.

i. The authority shall solicit grants from interested public or private sources for the establishment and administration of the pilot program and study commission as well as the capitalization of the “social innovation loan fund” established pursuant to section 5 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
j. The pilot program shall expire on the 30th day following the closing of all loans guaranteed pursuant to P.L. , (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

4.a. The authority shall oversee a study commission, entitled the “New Jersey Social Innovation Study Commission,” established for the duration of the pilot program.

b. The membership and size of the study commission shall be determined by the authority. The authority may consider a variety of professionals, including health care, lending, and social finance experts, for membership on the study commission. The study commission shall organize as soon as practicable after the appointment of the study commission members, shall select a chairperson from among its membership, and shall appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the commission. At least one member of the study commission shall be a representative of the Department of Human Services, one member shall be a representative of the Department of Health, and one member shall be the Director of the Office of Faith Based Initiatives in the Department of State. All members of the study commission shall serve for term concurrent with the effective period of the pilot program.

c. Any vacancy in the membership of the study commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

d. The study commission may request the assistance and services of employees of any other State department, board, bureau, commission, task force, or agency as it may require and as may be available. Members of the study commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to employ stenographic and clerical assistance and incur traveling and other miscellaneous expenses as the study commission may deem necessary in order to perform its duties, within the limits of the funds made available to the study commission for its purposes. The study commission may meet at the call of its chairperson at the times and in the places the study commission may deem appropriate and necessary to fulfill its duties, and may conduct public hearings at a place or places as the study commission shall designate. The study commission shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the “Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act,” P.L.1975, c.231 (C.10:4-6 et seq.).

e. It shall be the duty of the study commission to aid the authority in the administration of the social innovation loan pilot program and to issue annual reports detailing the progress of the pilot program. Specifically, the study commission, in cooperation with the authority and the Department of Human Services shall:
(1) Identify the nonprofit "and for-profit" organizations that will be eligible to receive loan guarantees from the authority. The study commission shall make this determination taking several factors into consideration which shall include, but not be limited to, the size and identity of the target population that benefits from the nonprofit "or for-profit" organization service provider, the projected financial value of the improvements as a result of the social innovation loan investments, including projected public sector savings, ability to repay the loan in full, the ease of the measurability of the outcomes, and an analysis of impacts beyond financial savings and returns, such as social outcomes;

(2) Assist the authority in soliciting donations from philanthropic organizations and other private sources to capitalize the loan fund;

(3) Negotiate contract terms and conditions between social innovation loan recipients and any public entity for whom the recipient is performing health care intervention services, including the development of metrics to project and measure both financial and social outcomes, and the identification of independent third parties to measure and evaluate outcomes;

(4) Determine whether an independent intermediary with expertise in the areas of social finance and health care should be retained to: (a) assist the study commission in the performance of its duties under this section; or to (b) perform the measurement and verification activities required in the agreements entered into pursuant to paragraph (3) of subsection b. of section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and to identify appropriate independent intermediaries to recommend to the authority if the study commission determines that intermediary services should be retained; and

(5) Any other purposes related to the pilot program for which the authority requests assistance.

f. Not later than one year following the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and annually for four years thereafter, the study commission shall submit to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature, a report containing a study and evaluation of the pilot program. The report shall include, but not be limited to, a description of any eligible organizations funded by the social innovation loans, State, federal, and municipal financial savings related to the issuance of social innovation loans, including Medicaid savings, the expected loan performance and projected payment schedule, the number of people serviced by the eligible organization, a comparison of the population serviced by the eligible organization and a similarly situated control group, and any community impact related to the pilot program.
The study commission shall submit its fifth and final report to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature, within 90 days of the expiration date of the pilot program, including any recommendations for legislative action it deems appropriate. The study commission’s final report shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the feasibility of implementing a permanent social innovation loan program Statewide, sectors outside of non-profit health care in which social lending could be successfully applied, the estimated costs for the creation and administration of the permanent social innovation loan program, projected State, federal, and municipal savings from administering the permanent program, a calculation of the loan performance realized from the pilot program, a calculation of the State, federal, and municipal savings accrued through the pilot program, and an analysis of non-financial outcomes, such as community impact and preventive results. The study commission shall expire on the 30th day after the date of the issuance of its final report, or upon the expiration of the pilot program, whichever occurs later.

To implement the social innovation loan pilot program, the authority shall establish and maintain a special non-lapsing, revolving fund called the “social innovation loan fund” which may be credited with:

1. moneys appropriated by the State for the purpose of the fund;
2. moneys received by the authority from any public or private donations to guarantee the loans issued pursuant to section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);
3. any moneys as may be available to the authority from grants or other forms of assistance established to support health care intervention activities by the authority or by other State agencies or authorities; and
4. moneys received from eligible organizations in the form of any applicable fees.

Loan funds may be used by the authority for the following purposes:

1. guaranteeing loans issued pursuant to subsection b. of section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);
2. reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the authority related to the administration of the social innovation loan pilot program and the study commission; and
3. administrative expenses for the provision of loan guarantees issued pursuant to subsection b. of section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
c. The amount of loans guaranteed by the authority pursuant to subsection b. of section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall not exceed $3,000,000 per year or $15,000,000 in the aggregate over five years, as determined by the authority.

d. The authority shall not issue a loan guarantee in an amount greater than the available and uncommitted moneys in the loan fund.

e. The authority may charge fees in connection with applications for participation in the social innovation loan pilot program as it deems reasonable to cover authority expenses in administering the pilot program and issuing loan guarantees.

6. The authority shall appoint a director to manage the activities associated with the “social innovation loan fund” established pursuant to section 5 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill). The director shall receive compensation as determined by the authority.

7. The authority shall issue a report six months after the effective date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and annually thereafter not later than September 15, to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.5:14-19.1), to the Legislature concerning the financing of the pilot program as described in section 5 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), undertaken with moneys from the “social innovation loan fund.” The initial report and each annual report required under this section shall include a description of the pilot program funded by loans issued to eligible organizations and a detailed analysis of the consideration given to the factors set forth in subsection d. of section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

8. The authority shall adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), any rules or regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

1. The Director of the New Jersey Health Care Facilities Financing Authority may initiate a loan program using existing financing authority under section 5 of P.L.1972, c.29 (C.26:21-5) to fund the construction of preventative health care facilities.

2. The Director will examine and track the health care costs and benefits that may be attributed to the preventative health care facilities constructed under any loan program initiated pursuant to
section 1 of P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill).  

This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month following the date of enactment, but the authority may take such anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act immediately.