

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4876

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires county welfare agencies to conduct full eligibility screening of public assistance and social service programs for each applicant.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 who submits an application for one, but less than all, of the public  
2 assistance and social service programs for which the agency accepts  
3 applications.

4 Under the bill, a “county welfare agency” means that agency of  
5 county government, which is charged with the responsibility for  
6 determining eligibility for public assistance and social service  
7 programs. The term county welfare agency includes, but is not  
8 limited to, agencies that may be locally known as the Board of  
9 Social Services; the Department of Citizen Services; Division of  
10 Welfare; the Division of Social Services; the Division of Temporary  
11 Assistance and Social Services; or as the Department of Family and  
12 Community Development.

13 Additionally, “public assistance and social service programs”  
14 mean any program administered through a county welfare agency  
15 which is authorized to provide assistance or services to needy  
16 persons, including but not limited to: the New Jersey Supplemental  
17 Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as the Food Stamp  
18 Program, established pursuant to the federal “Food and Nutrition  
19 Act of 2008,” Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.); the Work  
20 First New Jersey (WFNJ) program - which encompasses the  
21 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and the General  
22 Assistance program - established pursuant to P.L.1997, c.38  
23 (C.44:10-55 et seq.); and the Medicaid program established  
24 pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.).