

# SENATE, No. 2845

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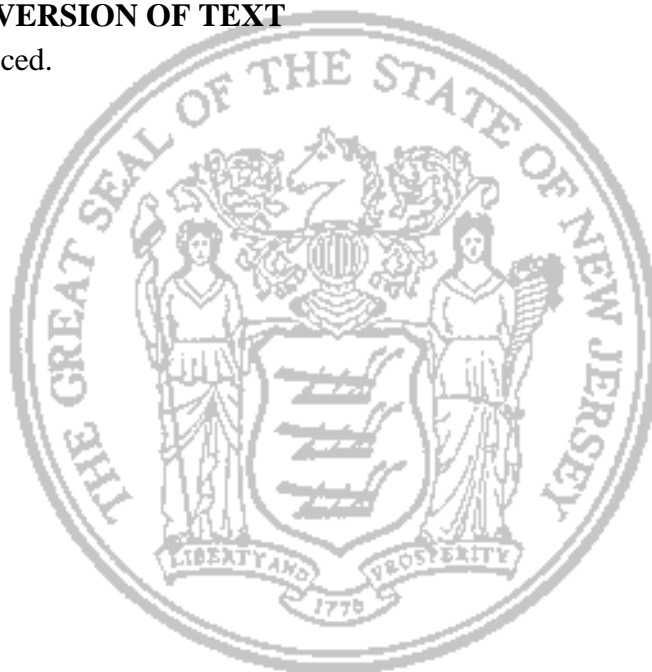
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**SYNOPSIS**

Amends Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations act to revise increase in Work First New Jersey benefits.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/30/2018)**

1 AN ACT amending the Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations act,  
2 P.L.2018, c.53.

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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. The following language provisions in section 1 of P.L.2018,  
8 c.53, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2019, are  
9 amended to read as follows:

**54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

*50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security*

*53 Economic Assistance and Security*

*7550 Division of Family Development*

**STATE AID**

10 Notwithstanding any other law or regulation to the contrary, the  
11 maximum cash assistance benefit levels provided to Work First  
12 New Jersey recipients shall be **[\$10]** 10 percent per month greater  
13 than the cash assistance levels in effect in State fiscal year 2018.  
14 (cf: P.L.2018, c.53, s.1)

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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20 This bill amends the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year  
21 (FY) 2019 to provide that the maximum cash assistance benefit  
22 levels provided to Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) recipients in FY  
23 2019 must be 10 percent per month greater than the cash assistance  
24 levels in effect in State FY 2018. Currently, the annual  
25 appropriations act for FY 2019 provides that the maximum benefit  
26 levels must be increased by \$10 per month greater than the  
27 assistance levels in effect in State FY 2018.

28 WFNJ includes the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families  
29 (TANF) program, which assists families with dependent children,  
30 and General Assistance, which assists adults without dependent  
31 children, to alleviate the negative effects of poverty. Currently,  
32 New Jersey's maximum benefit amount for WFNJ recipient  
33 households is \$424 per month for a family of three. The bill  
34 increases this amount to \$466 in FY 2019. Similar increases would  
35 apply to households of different sizes.

**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.