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

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

1. The following language provisions in section 1 of P.L.2018, c.53, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2019, are 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

Notwithstanding any other law or regulation to the contrary, the maximum cash assistance benefit levels provided to Work First New Jersey recipients shall be $10 10 percent per month greater than the cash assistance levels in effect in State fiscal year 2018.

(cf: P.L.2018, c.53, s.1)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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

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