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#### SYNOPSIS

Extends the application deadlines for the Grow NJ Assistance Program and the State and local Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant programs.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on June 17, 2019, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT extending the application deadlines for certain economic 2 development programs, and amending various parts of the 3 statutory law. 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 6 of New Jersey: 7 8 1. Section 6 of P.L.2011, c.149 (C.34:1B-247) is amended to 9 read as follows: 10 6. a. (1) The combined value of all credits approved by the 11 authority pursuant to P.L.2007, c.346 (C.34:1B-207 et seq.) and 12 P.L.2011, c.149 (C.34:1B-242 et al.) prior to December 31, 2013 shall not exceed \$1,750,000,000, except as may be increased by the 13 authority as set forth in paragraph (5) of subsection a. of section 35 14 15 of P.L.2009, c.90 (C.34:1B-209.3). Following the enactment of the 16 "New Jersey Economic Opportunity Act of 2013," P.L.2013, c.161 17 (C.52:27D-489p et al.), there shall be no monetary cap on the value of credits approved by the authority attributable to the program 18 19 pursuant to the "New Jersey Economic Opportunity Act of 2013," 20 P.L.2013, c.161 (C.52:27D-489p et al.). 21 (2) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2013, c.161) 22 (3) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2013, c.161) 23 (4) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2013, c.161) 24 (5) (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2013, c.161) 25 b. (1) A business shall submit an application for tax credits prior to <sup>1</sup>[July 1] January 31<sup>1</sup>, [2019] <u>2020</u>. The authority shall 26 not approve an application for tax credits unless the application was 27 submitted prior to <sup>1</sup>[July 1] January 31<sup>1</sup>, [2019] <u>2020</u>. 28 (2) (a) A business shall submit its documentation indicating that 29 30 it has met the capital investment and employment requirements 31 specified in the incentive agreement for certification of its tax credit 32 amount within three years following the date of approval of its application by the authority. The authority shall have the discretion 33 34 to grant two six-month extensions of this deadline. Except as 35 provided in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, in no event shall the 36 incentive effective date occur later than four years following the 37 date of approval of an application by the authority. 38 (b) As of the effective date of P.L.2017, c.314, a business which 39 applied for the tax credit prior to July 1, 2014 under P.L.2011, 40 c.149 (C.34:1B-242 et al.), shall submit its documentation to the 41 authority no later than July 28, 2019, indicating that it has met the capital investment and employment requirements specified in the 42 43 incentive agreement for certification of its tax credit amount. 44 (3) Full-time employment for an accounting or privilege period 45 shall be determined as the average of the monthly full-time 46 employment for the period.

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 <u>thus</u> is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows: <sup>1</sup>Senate SBA committee amendments adopted June 17, 2019.

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(4) A business seeking a credit for a mega project shall apply for
 the credit within four years after the effective date of the "New
 Jersey Economic Opportunity Act of 2013," P.L.2013, c.161
 (C.52:27D-489p et al.).

5 c. (1) In conducting its annual review, the authority may 6 require a business to submit any information determined by the 7 authority to be necessary and relevant to its review.

8 The credit amount for any tax period for which the 9 documentation of a business's credit amount remains uncertified as 10 of a date three years after the closing date of that period shall be 11 forfeited, although credit amounts for the remainder of the years of 12 the eligibility period shall remain available to it.

13 The credit amount may be taken by the tax certificate holder for the tax period for which it was issued or may be carried forward for 14 15 use by the tax certificate holder in any of the next 20 successive tax 16 periods, and shall expire thereafter. The tax certificate holder may 17 transfer the tax credit amount on or after the date of issuance or at 18 any time within three years of the date of issuance for use by the 19 transferee in the tax period for which it was issued or in any of the 20 next 20 successive tax periods. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no 21 more than the amount of tax credits equal to the total credit amount 22 divided by the duration of the eligibility period in years may be 23 taken in any tax period.

(2) Credits granted to a partnership shall be passed through to
the partners, members, or owners, respectively, pro-rata or pursuant
to an executed agreement among the partners, members, or owners
documenting an alternate distribution method provided to the
Director of the Division of Taxation in the Department of the
Treasury accompanied by any additional information as the director
may require.

(3) The amount of credit allowed may be applied against the tax
liability otherwise due pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162
(C.54:10A-5), pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of P.L.1945, c.132
(C.54:18A-2 and C.54:18A-3), pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1950,
c.231 (C.17:32-15), or pursuant to N.J.S.17B:23-5.

36 d. (1) If, in any tax period, the business reduces the total 37 number of full-time employees in its Statewide workforce by more than 20 percent from the number of full-time employees in its 38 39 Statewide workforce in the last tax period prior to the credit amount 40 approval under section 3 of P.L.2011, c.149 (C.34:1B-244), then the 41 business shall forfeit its credit amount for that tax period and each 42 subsequent tax period, until the first tax period for which 43 documentation demonstrating the restoration of the business's 44 Statewide workforce to the threshold levels required by the 45 incentive agreement has been reviewed and approved by the 46 authority, for which tax period and each subsequent tax period the 47 full amount of the credit shall be allowed.

1 (2) If, in any tax period, the number of full-time employees 2 employed by the business at the qualified business facility located 3 within a qualified incentive area drops below 80 percent of the 4 number of new and retained full-time jobs specified in the incentive 5 agreement, then the business shall forfeit its credit amount for that 6 tax period and each subsequent tax period, until the first tax period 7 for which documentation demonstrating the restoration of the 8 number of full-time employees employed by the business at the 9 qualified business facility to 80 percent of the number of jobs 10 specified in the incentive agreement.

(3) (a) If the qualified business facility is sold by the owner in
whole or in part during the eligibility period, the new owner shall
not acquire the capital investment of the seller and the seller shall
forfeit all credits for the tax period in which the sale occurs and all
subsequent tax periods, provided however that any credits of the
business shall remain unaffected.

17 (b) In connection with a regional distribution facility of 18 foodstuffs, the business entity or entities which own or lease the 19 facility shall qualify as a business regardless of: (i) the type of the 20 business entity or entities which own or lease the facility; (ii) the 21 ownership or leasing of the facility by more than one business 22 entity; or (iii) the ownership of the business entity or entities which 23 own or lease the facility. The ownership or leasing, whether by 24 members, shareholders, partners, or other owners of the business 25 entity or entities, shall be treated as ownership or leasing by 26 affiliates. The members, shareholders, partners, or other ownership 27 or leasing participants and others that are tenants in the facility shall 28 be treated as affiliates for the purpose of counting the full-time 29 employees and capital investments in the facility. The business 30 entity or entities may distribute credits to members, shareholders, 31 partners, or other ownership or leasing participants in accordance 32 with their respective interests. If the business entity or entities or 33 their members, shareholders, partners, or other ownership or leasing 34 participants lease space in the facility to members, shareholders, 35 partners, or other ownership or leasing participants or others as 36 tenants in the facility, the leases shall be treated as a lease to an 37 affiliate, and the business entity or entities shall not be subject to 38 forfeiture of the credits. For the purposes of this section, leasing 39 shall include subleasing and tenants shall include subtenants.

40 (4) (a) For a project located within a Garden State Growth Zone, 41 if, in any tax period, the number of full-time employees employed 42 by the business at the qualified business facility located within a 43 qualified incentive area increases above the number of full-time 44 employees specified in the incentive agreement, then the business 45 shall be entitled to an increased base credit amount for that tax 46 period and each subsequent tax period, for each additional full-time 47 employee added above the number of full-time employees specified 48 in the incentive agreement, until the first tax period for which

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documentation demonstrating a reduction of the number of full-time
 employees employed by the business at the qualified business
 facility, at which time the tax credit amount will be adjusted
 accordingly pursuant to this section.

5 (b) For a project located within a Garden State Growth Zone 6 which qualifies under the "Municipal Rehabilitation and Economic 7 Recovery Act," P.L.2002, c.43 (C.52:27BBB-1 et al.), or which 8 contains a Tourism District as established pursuant to section 5 of 9 P.L.2011, c.18 (C.5:12-219) and regulated by the Casino 10 Reinvestment Development Authority, and which qualifies for a tax 11 credit pursuant to subsubparagraph (ii) of subparagraphs (a) through 12 (e) of paragraph (6) of subsection d. of section 5 of P.L.2011, c.149 13 (C.34:1B-246), if, in any tax period the number of full-time 14 employees employed by the business at the qualified business 15 facility located within a qualified incentive area increases above the 16 number of full-time employees specified in the incentive agreement 17 such that the business shall then meet the minimum number of 18 employees required in subparagraph (b), (c), (d), or (e) of paragraph 19 (6) of subsection d. of section 5 of P.L.2011, c.149 (C.34:1B-246), 20 then the authority shall recalculate the total tax credit amount per 21 full-time job by using the certified capital investment of the project 22 allowable under the applicable subsubparagraph and the number of 23 full-time jobs certified on the date of the recalculation and applying 24 those numbers to subparagraph (b), (c), (d), or (e) of paragraph (6) 25 of subsection d. of section 5 of P.L.2011, c.149 (C.34:1B-246), 26 until the first tax period for which documentation demonstrating a 27 reduction of the number of full-time employees employed by the 28 business at the qualified business facility, at which time the tax credit amount shall be adjusted accordingly pursuant to this section. 29 30 The authority shall not enter into an incentive agreement e. 31 with a business that has previously received incentives pursuant to 32 the "Business Retention and Relocation Assistance Act," P.L.1996, 33 c.25 (C.34:1B-112 et seq.), the "Business Employment Incentive 34 Program Act," P.L.1996, c.26 (C.34:1B-124 et al.), or any other

35 program administered by the authority unless:

(1) the business has satisfied all of its obligations underlying the
previous award of incentives or is compliant with section 4 of
P.L.2011, c.149 (C.34:1B-245); or

39 (2) the capital investment incurred and new or retained full-time
40 jobs pledged by the business in the new incentive agreement are
41 separate and apart from any capital investment or jobs underlying
42 the previous award of incentives.

f. A business which has already applied for a tax credit
incentive award prior to the effective date of the "New Jersey
Economic Opportunity Act of 2013," P.L.2013, c.161 (C.52:27D489p et al.), but who has not yet been approved for the tax credits,
or has not executed an agreement with the authority, may proceed
under that application or seek to amend the application or reapply

for a tax credit incentive award for the same project or any part

thereof for the purpose of availing itself of any more favorable

6 2. Section 4 of P.L.2009, c.90 (C.52:27D-489d) is amended to 7 read as follows: 4. a. The governing body of a municipality wherein is located a qualifying economic redevelopment and growth grant incentive area may adopt an ordinance to establish a local Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program for the purpose of encouraging redevelopment projects in that area through the provision of incentive grants to reimburse developers for all or a portion of the project financing gap for such projects. No local Economic Redevelopment and Growth Grant program shall take effect until the Local Finance Board approves the ordinance. b. A developer shall submit an application for a local incentive grant prior to <sup>1</sup>[July 1] January 31<sup>1</sup>, [2019] 2020. A developer that submits an application for a local incentive grant shall indicate on the application whether it is also applying for a State incentive grant. An application by a developer applying for a local incentive grant only shall not require approval by the authority. A municipal redeveloper may only apply for local incentive grants for the construction of: (1) infrastructure improvements in the public rightof-way, or (2) publicly owned facilities. No local incentive grant shall be finally approved by a c. municipality until approved by the Local Finance Board. The Local Finance Board shall not approve a local incentive grant unless the application was submitted prior to <sup>1</sup>[July 1] January 31<sup>1</sup>, [2019] 2020. d. In deciding whether or not to approve a local incentive grant agreement the Local Finance Board shall consider the following factors: (1) the economic feasibility of the redevelopment project; (2) the extent of economic and related social distress in the municipality and the area to be affected by the redevelopment project; 38 (3) the degree to which the redevelopment project will advance 39 State, regional, and local development and planning strategies; 40 (4) the likelihood that the redevelopment project shall, upon 41 completion, be capable of generating new tax revenue in an amount

42 in excess of the amount necessary to reimburse the developer for 43 project costs incurred as provided in the redevelopment incentive 44 grant agreement;

45 (5) the relationship of the redevelopment project to a 46 comprehensive local development strategy, including other major 47 projects undertaken within the municipality;

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provisions of the program.

(cf: P.L.2018, c.120, s.3)

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1 (6) the need for the redevelopment incentive grant agreement to 2 the viability of the redevelopment project; 3 (7) compliance with the provisions of P.L.2009, c.90 4 (C.52:27D-489a et al.); and 5 (8) the degree to which the redevelopment project enhances and 6 promotes job creation and economic development. 7 e. A developer shall not be required to purchase pinelands 8 development credits under the "Pinelands Protection Act," 9 P.L.1979, c.111 (C.13:18A-1 et seq.), the pinelands comprehensive 10 management plan, or any other rule or regulation adopted pursuant 11 to that act in connection with any approval or relief obtained related 12 to a redevelopment project located in an aviation district on or after 13 the effective date of P.L.2018, c.120, except if seeking to develop in 14 permanently protected open space pursuant to the Pinelands 15 Protection Act. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to 16 a developer of a qualified residential project. 17 (cf: P.L.2018, c.120, s.5) 18 19 3. Section 5 of P.L.2009, c.90 (C.52:27D-489e) is amended to 20 read as follows: 21 5. a. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority, in 22 consultation with the State Treasurer, shall establish an Economic 23 Redevelopment and Growth Grant program for the purpose of 24 encouraging redevelopment projects in qualifying economic 25 redevelopment and growth grant incentive areas that do not qualify 26 as such areas solely by virtue of being a transit village, through the 27 provision of incentive grants to reimburse developers for certain 28 project financing gap costs. 29 b. (1) A developer shall submit an application for a State incentive grant prior to <sup>1</sup>[July 1] January 31<sup>1</sup>, [2019] 2020. A 30 31 developer that submits an application for a State incentive grant 32 shall indicate on the application whether it is also applying for a 33 local incentive grant. 34 (2) When an applicant indicates it is also applying for a local 35 incentive grant, the authority shall forward a copy of the application to the municipality wherein the redevelopment project is to be 36 37 located for approval by municipal ordinance. 38 An application for a State incentive grant shall be reviewed c. 39 and approved by the authority. The authority shall not approve an 40 application for a State incentive grant unless the application was submitted prior to <sup>1</sup>[July 1] January 31<sup>1</sup>, [2019] <u>2020</u>. 41 42 d. A developer shall not be required to purchase pinelands 43 development credits under the "Pinelands Protection Act," 44 P.L.1979, c.111 (C.13:18A-1 et seq.), the pinelands comprehensive 45 management plan, or any other rule or regulation adopted pursuant 46 to that act in connection with any approval or relief obtained related 47 to a redevelopment project located in an aviation district on or after 48 the effective date of P.L.2018, c.120, except if seeking to develop in

1 permanently protected open space pursuant to the Pinelands 2 Protection Act. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to 3 a developer of a qualified residential project.

4 (cf: P.L.2018, c.120, s.6)

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<sup>1</sup>4. Section 6 of P.L.2009, c.90 (C.52:27D-489f) is amended to read as follows:

8 6. a. Up to the limits established in subsection b. of this section 9 and in accordance with a redevelopment incentive grant agreement, 10 beginning upon the receipt of occupancy permits for any portion of the 11 redevelopment project, or upon any other event evidencing project 12 completion as set forth in the incentive grant agreement, the State 13 Treasurer shall pay to the developer incremental State revenues 14 directly realized from businesses operating at the site of the 15 redevelopment project from the following taxes: the Corporation 16 Business Tax Act (1945), P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-1 et seq.), the tax 17 imposed on marine insurance companies pursuant to R.S.54:16-1 et 18 seq., the tax imposed on insurers generally, pursuant to P.L.1945, 19 c.132 (C.54:18A-1 et seq.), the public utility franchise tax, public 20 utilities gross receipts tax and public utility excise tax imposed on 21 sewerage and water corporations pursuant to P.L.1940, c.5 (C.54:30A-22 49 et seq.), those tariffs and charges imposed by electric, natural gas, 23 telecommunications, water and sewage utilities, and cable television 24 companies under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Board of Public 25 Utilities, or comparable entity, except for those tariffs, fees, or taxes 26 related to societal benefits charges assessed pursuant to section 12 of 27 P.L.1999, c.23 (C.48:3-60), any charges paid for compliance with the 28 "Global Warming Response Act," P.L.2007, c.112 (C.26:2C-37 et 29 seq.), transitional energy facility assessment unit taxes paid pursuant to 30 section 67 of P.L.1997, c.162 (C.48:2-21.34), and the sales and use 31 taxes on public utility and cable television services and commodities, 32 the tax derived from net profits from business, a distributive share of 33 partnership income, or a pro rata share of S corporation income under 34 the "New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act," N.J.S.54A:1-1 et seq., the 35 tax derived from a business at the site of a redevelopment project that is required to collect the tax pursuant to the "Sales and Use Tax Act," 36 37 P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.), the tax imposed pursuant to 38 P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.) from the purchase of furniture, 39 fixtures and equipment, or materials for the remediation, the 40 construction of new structures at the site of a redevelopment project, 41 the hotel and motel occupancy fee imposed pursuant to section 1 of 42 P.L.2003, c.114 (C.54:32D-1), or the portion of the fee imposed 43 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-7) derived from the 44 sale of real property at the site of the redevelopment project and paid 45 to the State Treasurer for use by the State, that is not credited to the 46 "Shore Protection Fund" or the "Neighborhood Preservation 47 Nonlapsing Revolving Fund" ("New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund") pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1968, c.49 (C.46:15-8). Any 48

1 developer shall be allowed to assign their ability to apply for the tax 2 credit under this subsection to a non-profit organization with a mission 3 dedicated to attracting investment and completing development and 4 redevelopment projects in a Garden State Growth Zone. The non-5 profit organization may make an application on behalf of a developer 6 which meets the requirements for the tax credit, or a group of non-7 qualifying developers, such that these will be considered a unified 8 project for the purposes of the incentives provided under this section.

b. (1) Up to an average of 75 percent of the projected annual
incremental revenues or 85 percent of the projected annual incremental
revenues in a Garden State Growth Zone may be pledged towards the
State portion of an incentive grant.

(2) In the case of a qualified residential project or a project involving university infrastructure, if the authority determines that the estimated amount of incremental revenues pledged towards the State portion of an incentive grant is inadequate to fully fund the amount of the State portion of the incentive grant, then in lieu of an incentive grant based on the incremental revenues, the developer shall be awarded tax credits equal to the full amount of the incentive grant.

(3) In the case of a mixed use parking project, if the authority
determines that the estimated amount of incremental revenues pledged
towards the State portion of an incentive grant is inadequate to fully
fund the amount of the State portion of the incentive grant, then, in
lieu of an incentive grant based on the incremental revenues, the
developer shall be awarded tax credits equal to the full amount of the
incentive grant.

The value of all credits approved by the authority pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection shall not exceed \$823,000,000, of which:

30 (a) \$250,000,000 shall be restricted to qualified residential projects 31 within Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, 32 Gloucester, Ocean, and Salem counties, of which \$175,000,000 of the 33 credits shall be restricted to the following categories of projects: (i) 34 qualified residential projects located in a Garden State Growth Zone 35 located within the aforementioned counties; and (ii) mixed use parking 36 projects located in a Garden State Growth Zone or urban transit hub 37 located within the aforementioned counties; (iii) and \$75,000,000 of 38 the credits shall be restricted to qualified residential projects in 39 municipalities with a 2007 Municipal Revitalization Index of 400 or 40 higher as of the date of enactment of the "New Jersey Economic 41 Opportunity Act of 2013," P.L.2013, c.161 (C.52:27D-489p et al.) and 42 located within the aforementioned counties;

(b) \$395,000,000 shall be restricted to the following categories of
projects: (i) qualified residential projects located in urban transit hubs
that are commuter rail in nature that otherwise do not qualify under
subparagraph (a) of this paragraph; (ii) qualified residential projects
located in Garden State Growth Zones that do not qualify under
subparagraph (a) of this paragraph; (iii) mixed use parking projects

1 located in urban transit hubs or Garden State Growth Zones that do not 2 qualify under subparagraph (a) of this paragraph, provided however, 3 an urban transit hub shall be allocated no more than \$25,000,000 for 4 mixed use parking projects; (iv) qualified residential projects which 5 are disaster recovery projects that otherwise do not qualify under 6 subparagraph (a) of this paragraph; (v) qualified residential projects in 7 SDA municipalities located in Hudson County that were awarded State 8 Aid in State Fiscal Year 2013 through the Transitional Aid to 9 Localities program and otherwise do not qualify under subparagraph 10 (a) of this paragraph; (vi) \$25,000,000 of credits shall be restricted to 11 mixed use parking projects in Garden State Growth Zones which have 12 a population in excess of 125,000 and do not qualify under 13 subparagraph (a) of this paragraph; (vii) \$40,000,000 of credits shall 14 be restricted to qualified residential projects that include a theater 15 venue for the performing arts and do not qualify under subparagraph 16 (a) of this paragraph, which projects are located in a municipality with 17 a population of less than 100,000 according to the latest federal 18 decennial census, and within which municipality is located an urban 19 transit hub and a campus of a public research university, as defined in 20 section 1 of P.L.2009, c.308 (C.18A:3B-46); and (viii) \$105,000,000 21 of credits shall be restricted to qualified residential projects and mixed 22 use parking projects in Garden State Growth Zones having a 23 population in excess of 125,000 and do not qualify under subparagraph 24 (a) of this paragraph;

25 (c) \$87,000,000 shall be restricted to the following categories of 26 projects: (i) qualified residential projects located in distressed 27 municipalities, deep poverty pockets, highlands development credit 28 receiving areas or redevelopment areas, otherwise not qualifying 29 pursuant to subparagraph (a) or (b) of this paragraph; and (ii) mixed 30 use parking projects that do not qualify under subparagraph (a) or (b) 31 of this paragraph, and which are used by an independent institution of 32 higher education, a school of medicine, a nonprofit hospital system, or 33 any combination thereof; provided, however, that \$20,000,000 of the 34 \$87,000,000 shall be allocated to mixed use parking projects that do 35 not qualify under subparagraph (a) or (b) of this paragraph;

36 (d) (i) \$16,000,000 shall be restricted to qualified residential
37 projects that are located within a qualifying economic redevelopment
38 and growth grant incentive area otherwise not qualifying under
39 subparagraph (a), (b), or (c) of this paragraph; and

40 (ii) an additional \$50,000,000 shall be restricted to qualified 41 residential projects which, as of the effective date of P.L.2016, c.51, 42 are located in a city of the first class with a population in excess of 43 270,000, are subject to a Renewal Contract for a Section 8 Mark-Up-44 To-Market Project from the United States Department of Housing and 45 Urban Development, and for which an application for the award of tax 46 credits under this subsection was submitted prior to January 1, 2016; 47 and

(e) \$25,000,000 shall be restricted to projects involving university
 infrastructure.

3 (f) For subparagraphs (a) through (d) of this paragraph, not more 4 than \$40,000,000 of credits shall be awarded to any qualified 5 residential project in a deep poverty pocket or distressed municipality 6 and not more than \$20,000,000 of credits shall be awarded to any other 7 qualified residential project. The developer of a qualified residential 8 project seeking an award of credits towards the funding of its incentive 9 grant shall submit an incentive grant application prior to July 1, 2016 10 and if approved after September 18, 2013, the effective date of 11 P.L.2013, c.161 (C.52:27D-489p et al.) shall submit a temporary 12 certificate of occupancy for the project no later than July 28, 2021. 13 The developer of a mixed use parking project seeking an award of 14 credits towards the funding of its incentive grant pursuant to 15 subparagraph (c) of this paragraph and if approved after the effective 16 date of P.L.2015, c.217, shall submit a temporary certificate of 17 occupancy for the project no later than July 28, 2021. The developer 18 of a qualified residential project or a mixed use parking project 19 seeking an award of credits toward the funding of its incentive grant 20 for a project restricted under categories (vi) and (viii) of subparagraph 21 (b) of this paragraph shall submit an incentive grant application prior 22 to [July 1, 2019] January 31, 2020, and if approved after the effective 23 date of P.L.2017, c.59, shall submit a temporary certificate of 24 occupancy for the project no later than July 28, 2022 provided that the 25 municipality in which the project is located shall have submitted to the 26 chief executive officer of the authority a letter of support identifying 27 up to six projects prior to July 1, 2018. The letter of support is to 28 contain a project scope for each of the projects and may be 29 supplemented from time to time until [July 1, 2019] January 31, 2020. 30 Applications for tax credits pursuant to this subsection relating to an 31 ancillary infrastructure project or infrastructure improvement in the 32 public right-of-way, or both, shall be accompanied with a letter of 33 support relating to the project or improvement by the governing body 34 or agency in which the project is located. Credits awarded to a 35 developer pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to the same 36 financial and related analysis by the authority, the same term of the 37 grant, and the same mechanism for administering the credits, and shall 38 be utilized or transferred by the developer as if the credits had been 39 awarded to the developer pursuant to section 35 of P.L.2009, c.90 40 (C.34:1B-209.3) for qualified residential projects thereunder. No 41 portion of the revenues pledged pursuant to the "New Jersey Economic 42 Opportunity Act of 2013," P.L.2013, c.161 (C.52:27D-489p et al.) 43 shall be subject to withholding or retainage for adjustment, in the event 44 the developer or taxpayer waives its rights to claim a refund thereof. 45 (4) A developer may apply to the Director of the Division of

46 Taxation in the Department of the Treasury and the chief executive 47 officer of the authority for a tax credit transfer certificate, if the 48 developer is awarded a tax credit pursuant to paragraph (2) or

1 paragraph (3) of this subsection, covering one or more years, in lieu of 2 the developer being allowed any amount of the credit against the tax 3 liability of the developer. The tax credit transfer certificate, upon 4 receipt thereof by the developer from the director and the chief 5 executive officer of the authority, may be sold or assigned, in full or in 6 part, to any other person who may have a tax liability pursuant to 7 section 5 of P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-5), sections 2 and 3 of 8 P.L.1945, c.132 (C.54:18A-2 and C.54:18A-3), section 1 of P.L.1950, 9 c.231 (C.17:32-15), or N.J.S.17B:23-5. The certificate provided to the 10 developer shall include a statement waiving the developer's right to 11 claim that amount of the credit against the taxes that the developer has 12 elected to sell or assign. The sale or assignment of any amount of a 13 tax credit transfer certificate allowed under this paragraph shall not be 14 exchanged for consideration received by the developer of less than 75 15 percent of the transferred credit amount before considering any further 16 discounting to present value that may be permitted. Any amount of a 17 tax credit transfer certificate used by a purchaser or assignee against a 18 tax liability shall be subject to the same limitations and conditions that 19 apply to the use of the credit by the developer who originally applied 20 for and was allowed the credit.

c. All administrative costs associated with the incentive grant
shall be assessed to the applicant and be retained by the State
Treasurer from the annual incentive grant payments.

d. The incremental revenue for the revenues listed in subsection a.
of this section shall be calculated as the difference between the amount
collected in any fiscal year from any eligible revenue source included
in the State redevelopment incentive grant agreement, less the revenue
increment base for that eligible revenue.

e. The municipality is authorized to collect any information
necessary to facilitate grants under this program and remit that
information in order to assist in the calculation of incremental
revenue.<sup>1</sup>

33 (cf: P.L.2018, c.44, s.2)

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<sup>1</sup>[4.]  $5.^{1}$  This act shall take effect immediately.

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