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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “Guaranteed Income Pilot Program” in DOLWD for residents of certain cities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/24/2020)

1 AN ACT establishing a “Guaranteed Income Pilot Program” for
2 residents of certain cities.

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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. a. The Commissioner of Labor and Workforce
8 Development shall establish a “Guaranteed Income Pilot Program”
9 to study the effect of unconditional disbursement of funds on
10 individual spending habits and on the economic circumstances in
11 the municipality in which the individual resides. The pilot program
12 shall operate for a period of two years.

13 b. The program shall select at random 500 residents of each
14 city as participants, provided that no participant shall have reported
15 an annual household income of greater than \$80,000 in the previous
16 year. There may not be more than one selected individual in a
17 household. No other criteria shall be necessary for receipt of the
18 funds provided by the pilot program.

19 c. The pilot program shall provide its recipients with \$500 per
20 month for eighteen months.

21 d. The pilot program shall be established in the cities of
22 Paterson, Passaic City, Jersey City, Plainfield, Newark, Trenton,
23 and Camden.

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25 2. The Department of the Treasury, in consultation with the
26 Department of Labor and Workforce Development, shall study
27 economic data from the cities affected by the pilot program, and
28 collect voluntary survey data from the participants in the pilot
29 program regarding their spending habits and personal financial
30 situation, as well as any other data or information relevant to the
31 pilot program that they see fit to gather, and shall submit a report
32 with findings and recommendations to the Governor and to the
33 Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
34 19.1), no later than the first day of the tenth month following the
35 conclusion of the two-year pilot program.

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37 3. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations in
38 accordance with the “Administrative Procedures Act,”
39 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to effectuate the provisions of
40 this act.

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42 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
43 next following the date of enactment, but the Commissioner of
44 Labor and Workforce Development may take such anticipatory
45 administrative action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for
46 the implementation of this act.

STATEMENT

This bill establishes a “Guaranteed Income Pilot Program” in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. This pilot program is to study the effect of unconditional disbursement of funds on individual spending habits and on the economic status of the municipality in which the individual resides. The pilot program shall operate for a period of two years. It shall provide its recipients with \$500 per month for eighteen months.

The pilot program shall be established in the cities of Paterson, Passaic City, Jersey City, Plainfield, Newark, Trenton, and Camden. The program shall select at random 500 residents of each city as participants, provided that no participant shall have reported an annual household income of greater than \$80,000 in the previous year, and provided that there is not more than one selected individual per household. No other criteria shall be necessary for receipt of the funds provided by the pilot program.

The Department of the Treasury, in consultation with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, shall study economic data from the cities affected by the pilot program, and collect voluntary survey data from the participants in the pilot program regarding their spending habits and personal financial situation, as well as any other data or information relevant to the pilot program that they see fit to gather, and shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Governor and to the Legislature no later than the first day of the tenth month following the conclusion of the two-year pilot program.