

**ASSEMBLY, No. 5182**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**  
**Assemblyman ERIC HOUGHTALING**  
**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Appropriates \$5 million to EDA to assist certain event-related businesses negatively impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT allocating federal funding to support the operations of  
2 event-related businesses in this State and making an  
3 appropriation.  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*  
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8 1. a. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the New  
9 Jersey Economic Development Authority the sum of \$5,000,000  
10 from a portion of those federal block grant funds allocated to the  
11 State from the federal “Coronavirus Relief Fund,” established  
12 pursuant to the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic  
13 Security Act,” Pub.L.116-136. The authority shall use the funds  
14 received pursuant to this section to provide financial support, by  
15 way of grants, to event-related businesses in this State including,  
16 but not limited to, event venues, disc jockeys, caterers, and  
17 photographers that have been required to cancel events due to the  
18 COVID-19 pandemic.

19 b. The authority shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to  
20 the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1  
21 et seq.), to effectuate the purposes of this act.  
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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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#### 26 STATEMENT 27

28 This bill appropriates \$5 million to the New Jersey Economic  
29 Development Authority (EDA) from a portion of those federal  
30 block grant funds allocated to the State from the federal  
31 “Coronavirus Relief Fund,” established pursuant to the federal  
32 “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act,”  
33 Pub.L.116-136. The EDA is to use the funds to provide financial  
34 support, by way of grants, to event-related businesses in this State  
35 including, but not limited to, event venues, disc jockeys, caterers,  
36 and photographers, that have been required to cancel events due to  
37 the COVID-19 pandemic. By providing this funding, this bill  
38 supports businesses that have had to make great sacrifices to  
39 preserve the health and welfare of the people of this State.