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**SYNOPSIS**

Makes \$10 million in federal funds available to EDA to support child care providers in need.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on March 17, 2021, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/25/2021)

1 <sup>1</sup>**[A SUPPLEMENT** to the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations act,  
2 P.L.2020, c.97] **AN ACT** making federal funding available to the  
3 New Jersey Economic Development Authority to support child  
4 care <sup>2</sup>**[centers]** providers<sup>2</sup> in need<sup>1</sup>.

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

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9 <sup>1</sup>**[1.** In In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2020,  
10 c.97, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2021, there is  
11 appropriated the following sum for the purpose specified:  
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**82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**  
*50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security*  
*51 Economic Planning and Development*

**GRANTS-IN-AID**

38-2043	Economic Development .....	\$10,000,000
	Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation,	
	Economic Planning and Development.....	\$10,000,000

***Grants-in-Aid:***

38 Coronavirus Relief Fund – Assistance to Child  
Care Centers, EDA..... (\$10,000,000)

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14 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Coronavirus Relief Fund  
15 –Assistance to Child Care Centers, EDA shall be allocated from  
16 a portion of federal block grant funds allocated to the State from  
17 the federal “Coronavirus Relief Fund” established pursuant to the  
18 federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act  
19 (CARES Act),” Pub.L.116-136, or any other federal funds made  
20 available to the State in response to the coronavirus disease 2019  
21 (COVID-19) pandemic.

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23 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Coronavirus Relief Fund  
24 – Assistance to Child Care Centers, EDA shall be allocated by  
25 the New Jersey Economic Development Authority child care  
26 centers licensed by the Department of Children and Families.  
27 The New Jersey Economic Development Authority shall  
28 establish minimum grant eligibility criteria and the size of the  
29 grant awards to meet the needs of the grantee entities in  
30 responding to the public health crisis.]<sup>1</sup>

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32 <sup>1</sup>1. a. Subject to the availability of federal funds provided or  
33 made accessible to the State via federal block grant funds allocated  
34 to the State from the federal “Coronavirus Relief Fund” established

**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.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup>Assembly ACE committee amendments adopted March 8, 2021.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted March 17, 2021.

1 pursuant to the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic  
2 Security Act (CARES Act),” Pub.L.116-136, or any other federal  
3 funds made available to the State in response to the coronavirus  
4 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, \$10,000,000 from such  
5 federal funds shall be made available to the New Jersey Economic  
6 Development Authority for the purposes set forth in subsection b. of  
7 this section.

8 b. <sup>2</sup>(1)<sup>2</sup> The funds made available to the New Jersey Economic  
9 Development Authority pursuant to subsection a. of this section  
10 shall be reserved by the authority to provide financial support, by  
11 way of grants, to child care <sup>2</sup>[centers licensed by the Department of  
12 Children and Families] providers. The authority may use not more  
13 than five percent of the funds to defray any administrative expenses  
14 incurred in the implementation of this section.

15 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this  
16 subsection to the contrary, the authority may transfer the  
17 uncommitted balance of any funds made available pursuant to this  
18 section to any program established pursuant to  
19 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly  
20 Bill No. 5443 or Senate Bill No. 3523 of 2021),  
21 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly  
22 Bill No. 5444 or Senate Bill No. 3524 of 2021),  
23 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly  
24 Bill No. 5446 or Senate Bill No. 3519 of 2021), or  
25 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly  
26 Bill No. 5447 or Senate Bill No. 3521 of 2021). The authority shall  
27 submit notice to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee no less than  
28 five calendar days before the date of the transfer. At minimum, the  
29 notice shall indicate the amount of the transferred funds and the  
30 purpose for which the funds are transferred<sup>2</sup>.

31 c. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority shall  
32 establish the size of the awards and eligibility of entities in  
33 subsection b. of this section to meet the needs of child care  
34 <sup>2</sup>[centers] providers<sup>2</sup> in responding to the public health crisis.<sup>1</sup>

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2. This act shall take effect immediately.