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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$10 million from General Fund to EDA to support child care providers impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/3/2021)

1 A SUPPLEMENT to the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations act,
2 P.L.2020, c.97.

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

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7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2020,
8 c.97, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2021, there is
9 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	Assistance to Child Care Providers, EDA	(\$10,000,000)
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12 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Assistance to Child Care
13 Providers, EDA, shall be allocated to the New Jersey Economic
14 Development Authority to provide financial assistance to eligible
15 child care providers, pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2021, c.47.
16 The authority may transfer the uncommitted balance of any funds
17 hereinabove appropriated for Assistance to Child Care Providers,
18 EDA, for the purposes of any program established pursuant to
19 P.L.2021, c.42, P.L.2021, c.43, P.L.2021, c.45, or P.L.2021,
20 c.46, as well as the Sustain and Serve NJ Program and the
21 Startup Business and Nonprofit Assistance Program, established
22 pursuant to P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as
23 Assembly Bill No. 5708 of 2021 and Senate Bill No. 3795 of
24 2021); provided, however, that the authority shall submit notice
25 to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee no less than five
26 calendar days before the date of the transfer. At a minimum, the
27 notice shall indicate the amount of and purpose for the
28 transferred funds.

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30 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Assistance to Child Care
31 Providers, EDA, is conditioned upon the submission of a report
32 by the Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Economic
33 Development Authority to the Governor and the Legislature,
34 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), detailing
35 the expenditure of program funds. At a minimum, the report
36 shall indicate the number of child care providers that applied for

1 financial assistance; the number of child care providers that
2 received financial assistance; the amount of financial assistance
3 provided to each recipient; and a brief description of each
4 recipient.

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6 Of the amounts appropriated to the New Jersey Economic
7 Development Authority for Assistance to Food and Beverage
8 Establishments, Assistance to Businesses and Nonprofits,
9 Assistance to Child Care Providers, Assistance to
10 Microbusinesses, the Sustain and Serve NJ Program, and the
11 Startup Business and Nonprofit Assistance Program, the
12 authority may retain not more than \$1,000,000 to defray
13 administrative expenses.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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18 STATEMENT

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20 This bill appropriates \$10 million from the General Fund to the
21 New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) to support
22 child care providers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

23 In April 2021, the State enacted P.L.2021, c.47 to provide \$10
24 million in federal funding to the EDA for disbursement to eligible
25 child care providers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This
26 bill provides \$10 million in additional State funding to support this
27 program. As permitted under P.L.2021, c.47, the bill allows the
28 EDA to transfer uncommitted funds to other programs administered
29 by the authority to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
30 The bill also allows a portion of these funds to be used for
31 administrative expenses.

32 As a condition of receiving State funds, the bill also requires the
33 EDA to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature
34 detailing the expenditure of program funds. At a minimum, the
35 report would be required to indicate the number of child care
36 providers that applied for financial assistance; the number of child
37 care providers that received financial assistance; the amount of
38 financial assistance provided to each recipient; and a brief
39 description of each recipient.