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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$20 million from General Fund to EDA to support food and beverage establishments 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 \$20,000,000

Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation,
Economic Planning and Development \$20,000,000

Grants-in-Aid:

38 Assistance to Food and Beverage
Establishments, EDA (\$20,000,000)

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12 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Assistance to Food and
13 Beverage Establishments, EDA, shall be allocated to the New
14 Jersey Economic Development Authority to provide financial
15 assistance to eligible food and beverage establishments, pursuant
16 to section 1 of P.L.2021, c.45. The authority may transfer the
17 uncommitted balance of any funds hereinabove appropriated for
18 Assistance to Food and Beverage Establishments, EDA, for the
19 purposes of any program established pursuant to P.L.2021, c.42,
20 P.L.2021, c.43, P.L.2021, c.46, or P.L.2021, c.47, as well as the
21 Sustain and Serve NJ Program and the Startup Business and
22 Nonprofit Assistance Program, established pursuant to P.L. ,
23 c. (pending before the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 5708
24 of 2021 and Senate Bill No. 3795 of 2021); provided, however,
25 that the authority shall submit notice to the Joint Budget
26 Oversight Committee no less than five calendar days before the
27 date of the transfer. At a minimum, the notice shall indicate the
28 amount of and purpose for the transferred funds.

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

1 number of food and beverage establishments that received
2 financial assistance; the amount of financial assistance provided
3 to each recipient; and a brief description of each recipient.
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5 Of the amounts appropriated to the New Jersey Economic
6 Development Authority for Assistance to Food and Beverage
7 Establishments, Assistance to Businesses and Nonprofits,
8 Assistance to Child Care Providers, Assistance to
9 Microbusinesses, the Sustain and Serve NJ Program, and the
10 Startup Business and Nonprofit Assistance Program, the
11 authority may retain not more than \$1,000,000 to defray
12 administrative expenses.
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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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17 STATEMENT 18

19 This bill appropriates \$20 million from the General Fund to the
20 New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) to support
21 food and beverage establishments impacted by the COVID-19
22 pandemic.

23 In April 2021, the State enacted P.L.2021, c.45 to provide \$35
24 million in federal funding to the EDA for disbursement to eligible
25 food and beverage establishments impacted by the COVID-19
26 pandemic. This bill provides \$20 million in additional State
27 funding to support this program. As permitted under P.L.2021,
28 c.45, the bill allows the EDA to transfer uncommitted funds to other
29 programs administered by the authority to address the impact of the
30 COVID-19 pandemic. The bill also allows a portion of these funds
31 to be used for 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 food and
36 beverage establishments that applied for financial assistance; the
37 number of food and beverage establishments that received financial
38 assistance; the amount of financial assistance provided to each
39 recipient; and a brief description of each recipient.