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SYNOPSIS

Makes FY 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$10 million for healthcare and residential facility sanitation due to coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/19/2020)

1 A SUPPLEMENT to "An Act making appropriations for the support
2 of the State Government and the several public purposes for the
3 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 and regulating the disbursement
4 thereof," approved June 30, 2019 (P.L.2019, c.150).

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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 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2019,
10 c.150, there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following
11 sum for the purpose specified:
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94 INTERDEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

70 Government Direction, Management and Control

74 General Government Subsidies

9420 Other InterDepartmental Accounts

GRANTS-IN-AID

04-9420	Other	Interdepartmental	Accounts	\$10,000,000
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Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation,				
	Other	Interdepartmental	Accounts	
.....				\$10,000,000

Grants-in-Aid:

04 Health Care and Residential Facility
Sanitation.....
(\$10,000,000)

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14 The amount herein appropriated for Health Care and Residential
15 Facility Sanitation shall be used to provide financial assistance to
16 certain health care and residential facilities in meeting the sanitation
17 demands imposed by the coronavirus disease 2019, also known as
18 COVID-19, outbreak. These facilities shall be limited to: nursing
19 homes; long-term care facilities; Program of All-inclusive Care for
20 the Elderly, or PACE, facilities; federally qualified health centers;
21 urgent care facilities; retirement centers; senior centers;
22 intermediate care facilities; State developmental centers; group
23 homes for individuals with medical needs; State psychiatric
24 hospitals; post-acute rehabilitation centers; medical day care
25 centers; residential schools for children with complex medical
26 needs; group homes for individuals with mental health, substance
27 use, or behavioral health conditions; and homeless shelters. No
28 later than five days following the effective date of P.L. , c.
29 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the Director of the
30 Division of Budget and Accounting, in collaboration with
31 Commissioners of Health, Human Services, Children and Families,
32 and Community Affairs, shall determine the methodology for
33 allocation of the funds across the applicable facilities. No later than
34 10 days following the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before
35 the Legislature as this bill), the Director of the Division of Budget

1 and Accounting shall transfer such funds to the applicable
2 departments and divisions for distribution to the facilities.

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4 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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9 This bill makes an FY 2020 supplemental appropriation of \$10
10 million for health care and residential facility sanitation due to the
11 coronavirus disease 2019 outbreak.

12 Under the bill, the \$10 million application is to be used to
13 provide financial assistance to certain health care and residential
14 facilities in meeting the sanitation demands imposed by the
15 coronavirus disease 2019, also known as COVID-19, outbreak.
16 These facilities are limited to: nursing homes; long-term care
17 facilities; Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly, or PACE,
18 facilities; federally qualified health centers; urgent care facilities;
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33 applicable departments and divisions for distribution to the
34 facilities.

35 COVID-19 is a respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus
36 that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in
37 60 locations internationally, including in the United States.
38 Reported illnesses have ranged from mild to severe, including
39 illness resulting in death. According to the federal Centers for
40 Disease Control and Prevention, it is likely that at some point,
41 widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States will
42 occur. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared
43 the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic.