

SENATE, No. 158

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senator BRYANT

1 AN ACT concerning housing assistance for recipients of aid to families
2 with dependent children benefits, amending P.L.1994, c.67 and
3 supplementing chapter 10 of Title 44 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. (New section) a. The Commissioner of Human Services, in
9 consultation with the Commissioners of Community Affairs and
10 Commerce and Economic Development, shall develop a program to
11 provide grants to housing developers for the development of
12 low-income rental housing for recipients of aid to families with
13 dependent children benefits pursuant to P.L.1959, c.86 (C.44:10-1 et
14 seq.) who are homeless or receiving temporary emergency shelter
15 assistance, as an alternative to the use of temporary emergency
16 shelters for those recipients who are eligible for emergency shelter
17 assistance.

18 b. Of the funds appropriated for payments for emergency assistance
19 by the Department of Human Services by the annual appropriations
20 act, 10% shall be reserved for low-income rental housing development
21 grants pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

22 c. The Commissioner of Human Services, in consultation with the
23 Commissioners of Community Affairs and Commerce and Economic
24 Development, shall develop appropriate incentives for the development
25 of low-income rental housing pursuant to subsection a. of this section,
26 including but not limited to a guarantee of a fixed rental rate for
27 recipients of aid to families with dependent children benefits who rent
28 units in this housing.

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30 2. (New section) The Commissioner of Human Services, in
31 consultation with the Commissioners of Community Affairs and
32 Commerce and Economic Development, shall adopt rules and

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
2 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to effectuate the purposes of
3 this act.

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5 3. The following item in Section 1 of P.L.1994, c.67 is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 STATE AID

8 54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

9 50 Economic Planning, Development and Security

10 53 Economic Assistance and Security -- State Aid

11 7550 Division of Family Development

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13 Of the monies hereinabove allocated for payments for emergency
14 assistance, 10% shall be reserved for grants to develop low-income
15 rental housing for recipients of aid to families with dependent children
16 benefits who are homeless or receiving temporary emergency shelter
17 assistance.

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19 4. This act shall take effect immediately and be retroactive to July
20 1, 1994.

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23 STATEMENT

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25 This bill directs the Commissioner of Human Services, in
26 consultation with the Commissioners of Community Affairs and
27 Commerce and Economic Development, to develop a program to
28 provide grants to housing developers for the development of
29 low-income rental housing for recipients of aid to families with
30 dependent children (AFDC) benefits pursuant to P.L.1959, c.86
31 (C.44:10-1 et seq.) who are homeless or receiving temporary
32 emergency shelter assistance, as an alternative to the use of temporary
33 emergency shelters for AFDC recipients who are eligible for
34 emergency shelter assistance. The monies used for this purpose are to
35 be derived from funds allocated for emergency assistance by the
36 Department of Human Services in the annual appropriations act for
37 Fiscal Year 1995 and subsequent years, with 10% of that amount to
38 be reserved for providing grants for low-income rental housing
39 development.

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44 Requires that 10% of AFDC emergency assistance funding be used to
45 pay for development of low-income rental housing.