

SENATE, No. 992

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 21, 1996

By Senator CIESLA

1 A SUPPLEMENT to "An Act making appropriations for the support of
2 the State Government and the several public purposes for the fiscal
3 year ending June 30, 1996 and regulating the disbursement
4 thereof," approved June 30, 1995 (P.L.1995, c.164).

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

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9 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.1995, c.164,
10 there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following sum for
11 the purpose specified:

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14 GENERAL FUND
15 DIRECT STATE SERVICES
16 46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

17 20 Physical and Mental Health
18 21 Health Services

19 4230 Division of Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health

20 03-4230 Epidemiology, Environmental and Occupational Health Services \$400,000

21 Special Purpose:

22 New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research (\$400,000)

23 Of the amount appropriated hereinabove for the New Jersey State Commission on Cancer
24 Research, \$100,000 shall be used for a program to track residents of Toms River, New Jersey
25 for the purpose of determining the number of cancer cases associated with that area and
26 \$300,000 shall be used for an epidemiological study on the incidence of cancer in Toms River,
27 New Jersey.

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill would appropriate a total of \$400,000 to the New Jersey
35 State Commission on Cancer Research from the General Fund for
36 research into the incidence of cancer among residents of Toms River.
37 Of this \$400,000, \$100,000 would be used to establish a program to
38 track all residents of Toms River to more accurately establish the

1 number of cancer cases associated with the Toms River area. The
2 remaining \$300,000 appropriation would be used for an
3 epidemiological study on the incidence of cancer in Toms River.

4 Recent data on childhood cancer rates in the Toms River area have
5 shown a higher than average rate of brain and central nervous system
6 cancer. Over a 13-year period ending in 1991, there were five
7 reported juvenile cases of brain or central nervous system cancers in
8 the Toms River area, as compared with the expected Statewide norm
9 of two or fewer cases in an area that size. For Toms River children
10 under the age of five, the rate of brain and central nervous system
11 cancer was more than seven times higher than expected. In addition,
12 there may be a number of unreported cases involving children who
13 have lived in the Toms River area, yet received treatment in another
14 state. This supplemental appropriation would allow the New Jersey
15 State Commission on Cancer Research to track and study the causes
16 of this possible cancer cluster.

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21 Supplemental appropriation of \$400,000 to New Jersey State
22 Commission on Cancer Research for research on the incidence of
23 cancer in Toms River, New Jersey.