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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes "Pediatric Cancer Research Fund" and establishes requirements for disbursement of monies deposited in fund; provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for pediatric cancer research.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on May 20, 2021, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/24/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning <sup>1</sup>**voluntary contributions through gross income**  
 2 tax returns to support<sup>1</sup> pediatric cancer research, supplementing  
 3 chapter 9 of Title 54A of the New Jersey Statutes and  
 4 supplementing and amending P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-1 et seq.).  
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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. (New section) a. There is established in the Department of  
 10 the Treasury a special fund to be known as the “New Jersey  
 11 Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.”

12 b. Each taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on the  
 13 taxpayer’s New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the  
 14 taxpayer’s refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited in  
 15 the special fund.

16 c. Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection  
 17 or administration attributable to this act may be deducted from  
 18 receipts collected pursuant to this act, as determined by the Director  
 19 of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the  
 20 Treasury. The State Treasurer shall deposit net contributions  
 21 collected pursuant to this section to the “New Jersey Pediatric  
 22 Cancer Research Fund.”

23 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all funds  
 24 deposited in the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer Research Fund”  
 25 established pursuant to this section to the New Jersey State  
 26 Commission on Cancer Research, established pursuant to section 4  
 27 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-4) <sup>1,1</sup> for pediatric cancer research  
 28 projects.

29 <sup>1</sup>e.<sup>1</sup> As used in this <sup>1</sup>**[subsection]** section,<sup>1</sup> “pediatric cancer  
 30 research project” means a scientific research project <sup>1</sup>**[, which is]**<sup>1</sup>  
 31 approved <sup>1</sup>**[by the commission and]** pursuant to section 2 of  
 32 P.L. , c. (C. and C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
 33 this bill),<sup>1</sup> which <sup>1</sup>scientific research project<sup>1</sup> focuses on the causes,  
 34 prevention, education, screening, treatment <sup>1,1</sup> or cure of pediatric  
 35 cancer <sup>1</sup>, or the symptoms or effects experienced by patients  
 36 following completion of a course of treatment for pediatric cancer,<sup>1</sup>  
 37 and may include, but <sup>1</sup>**[is]** shall<sup>1</sup> not limited to, basic, clinical, and  
 38 epidemiologic research.  
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40 2. (New section) The New Jersey State Commission on Cancer  
 41 Research <sup>1</sup>, in consultation with the advisory group established  
 42 pursuant to section 3 of P.L. , c. (C. ),<sup>1</sup> shall solicit,  
 43 receive, evaluate and approve applications of qualifying research  
 44 institutions for grants from the “New Jersey Pediatric Cancer

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SBA committee amendments adopted May 20, 2021.

Research Fund,” established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. ,  
 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), to  
<sup>1</sup>conduct research relating to the causes, prevention, education,  
 screening, treatment and cure of pediatric cancer. As used in this  
 section, “qualified research institution” may include academic  
 medical institutions, State or local government agencies, public or  
 private organizations within New Jersey, and any other institution  
 approved by the commission, which is conducting a fund<sup>1</sup>  
 pediatric cancer research <sup>1</sup>project projects<sup>1</sup> .

<sup>1</sup>3. (New section) a. The New Jersey State Commission on  
 Cancer Research shall establish an advisory group within the  
 commission which shall be responsible for advising the commission  
 on how moneys from the fund established pursuant to section 1 of  
 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) to  
 support pediatric cancer research projects will be distributed by the  
 commission.

b. The size and composition of the advisory group shall be at  
 the discretion of the commission and shall be limited to individuals  
 who either treat patients with pediatric cancer, conduct research into  
 pediatric cancer, advocate to advance pediatric cancer research or  
 treatment, or have been affected by their own or a family member’s  
 diagnosis of pediatric cancer.

c. The advisory group shall meet at such times and frequencies  
 as shall be required by the commission.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>4. Section 3 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-3) is amended to read as  
 follows:

3. As used in this act:

**[a.]** "Approved research project" means a scientific research  
 project, which is approved by the commission and which focuses on  
 the genetic, biochemical, viral, microbiological and environmental  
 causes of cancer, and may include, but is not limited to, behavioral,  
 socio-economic, demographic and psychosocial research or research  
 into methods of clinical treatment; or which focuses on pain  
 management and palliative care for persons diagnosed with cancer.

**[b.]** "Commission" means the New Jersey State Commission on  
 Cancer Research established pursuant to this act.

**[c.]** "Institutional support services" means all services,  
 facilities, equipment, personnel and expenditures associated with  
 the creation and maintenance of approved research projects.

**[d.]** “Pediatric cancer research project” means a scientific  
 research project approved pursuant to this act, which scientific  
 research project focuses on the causes, prevention, education,  
 screening, treatment, or cure of pediatric cancer, or the symptoms or  
 effects experienced by patients following completion of a course of

1 treatment for pediatric cancer, and may include, but shall not  
2 limited to, basic, clinical, and epidemiologic research.

3 "Qualifying research institution" means the Coriell Institute for  
4 Medical Research in Camden, New Jersey, Rutgers--The State  
5 University, Rowan University, Princeton University and any other  
6 institution approved by the commission, which is conducting an  
7 approved research project. For the purposes of sections 2 through 5  
8 of P.L. , c. (C. ), "qualifying research institution" may  
9 include academic medical institutions, State or local government  
10 agencies, public or private organizations within New Jersey, and  
11 any other institution approved by the commission, which is  
12 conducting a pediatric cancer research project.<sup>1</sup>

13 (cf: P.L.2012, c.45, s.131)

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15 <sup>1</sup>5. Section 5 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-5) is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 5. The commission shall:

18 a. Review and authorize approved research projects;  
19 b. Apportion all available funds to qualifying research  
20 institutions to finance approved research projects and necessary  
21 institutional support services;

22 c. Ensure that funds appropriated to approved research projects  
23 are not diverted to any other use;

24 d. Take steps necessary to encourage the development within  
25 the State of research projects on:

26 (1) the causes of cancer; and

27 (2) pain management and palliative care for persons diagnosed  
28 with cancer;

29 e. Compile a directory of all cancer research projects being  
30 conducted in the State; and

31 f. Provide the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,  
32 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), the Legislature, with a report by January 30  
33 of each year describing the status of the commission's activities and  
34 the results of its funded research efforts, which report shall include,  
35 with respect to the pediatric cancer research fund established  
36 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
37 Legislature as this bill), a summary of the use and impact of funds  
38 expended in the prior fiscal year and any recommendations for  
39 future initiatives or action regarding pediatric cancer research  
40 funding.<sup>1</sup>

41 (cf: P.L.2000, c.63, s.2)

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43 <sup>1</sup>[3.] 6.<sup>1</sup> Section 8 of P.L.1983, c.6 (C.52:9U-8) is amended to  
44 read as follows:

45 8. \$1,000,000.00 shall be appropriated annually from the  
46 Cancer Research Fund established by P.L.1982, c.40 (C.54:40A-8 et  
47 al.) to effectuate the purposes of this act, except that only  
48 \$500,000.00 shall be appropriated from the fund in fiscal year

1 1982-1983. The full amount of the annual appropriation from the  
2 Cancer Research Fund mandated by this section to effectuate the  
3 purposes of this act shall be made notwithstanding any monies  
4 received by taxpayer voluntary contribution through gross income  
5 tax return to any cancer research fund designated for a specific type  
6 or category of cancer by State law.  
7 (cf: P.L.1983, c.6, s.8)

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9 <sup>1</sup>**[4.]** 7.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately and apply to  
10 taxable years beginning on or after January 1 next following  
11 enactment.