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SYNOPSIS

Requires transfer of certain escheated civil forfeiture funds from Unclaimed Personal Property Trust Fund to General Fund for appropriation to county prosecutors' offices

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on February 11, 2021, with amendments.



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1 A SUPPLEMENT to ¹[the Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations act, 2 P.L.2019, c.150] "An Act making appropriations for the support of the State Government and the several public purposes for the fiscal 3 4 year ending June 30, 2021 and regulating the disbursement 5 thereof," approved September 29, 2020 (P.L.2020. c.97)¹. 6 7 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and the General Assembly of the 8 State of New Jersey: 9 10 1. The following language provision is added to the General 11 Provisions of ¹[P.L.2019, c.150] <u>P.L.2020. c.97</u>¹, the annual State appropriations act for Fiscal Year ¹[2020, as amended and 12 supplemented by P.L.2020, c.43] 2021¹: 13 14 ¹[105.] 102.¹ Notwithstanding any provision of law or regulation 15 to the contrary, in addition to any other amounts transferred from the Unclaimed Personal Property Trust Fund to the General Fund and 16 17 appropriated herein, there is appropriated from the Unclaimed 18 Personal Property Trust Fund for transfer to the General Fund, an 19 amount ¹ [not to exceed \$2,400,000 comprising unclaimed assets] equal to the amount¹ seized by ¹[the County of Essex] each county¹ 20 prior to January 1, 2017 pursuant to N.J.S.2C:64-1 et seq., and 21 22 deposited in the Unclaimed Personal Property Trust Fund on or after 23 July 1, 2020, which amount is appropriated subject to the approval of 24 the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting to the ¹[Office of the Essex County Prosecutor] offices of the county prosecutors¹ for 25 law enforcement purposes including, but not limited to, the 26 implementation of a county-wide police body-worn camera and video 27 storage program. ¹The amount appropriated to each county shall be 28 29 equal to the amount seized by that county, except that no amount 30 appropriated to any county shall exceed \$2,400,000. The State 31 Treasurer shall transmit to the Senate Budget and Appropriations 32 Committee and the Assembly Appropriations Committee a written 33 report, not later than June 1, 2021, detailing the amount 34 appropriated to each county prosecutor and the purposes for which the funds were expended.¹ 35 36 37 ¹[2. Section 105 of P.L.2019, c.150 is amended to read as 38 follows: 39 [105.] <u>106</u>. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019. (cf: P.L.2020, c.43, s.9)]¹ 40 41 42 ¹2. Section 102 of P.L.2020, c.97 is amended to read as follows: [102] 103. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.¹ 43

44 (cf: P.L.2020, c.97, s.102)

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: ¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted February 11, 2021. 1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.