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SYNOPSIS

Makes FY 2021 supplemental appropriation of \$180 million to DCF, DHS, and DOH for increased rates for social service and early intervention providers in financial distress due to coronavirus disease 2019 public health crisis.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on February 9, 2021, with amendments.



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1 A SUPPLEMENT to the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations act, 2 P.L.2020, c.97. 3 4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and the General Assembly of the 5 State of New Jersey: 6 7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2020, c.97, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, there is 8 9 appropriated the following sum for the purpose specified: **94 Interdepartmental Accounts** 70 Government Direction, Management, and Control 74 General Government Services 9420 Other Interdepartmental Accounts **GRANTS-IN-AID** 04-9429 Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, General Government Services..... \$180,000,000

Grants-in-Aid:

22 COVID-19 Social Services Provider Rate Increase

(\$180,000,000)

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Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the 11 12 contrary, the amount hereinabove appropriated for COVID-19 Social 13 Services Provider Rate Increase shall be used to increase provider ¹[rates] <u>payments</u>¹ issued to social service providers, under contract 14 15 or a fee-for-service agreement with the Department of Children and 16 Families or any division in the Department of Human Services, ¹as well as to early intervention service providers under contract or other 17 agreement with any division in the Department of Health,¹ that are 18 19 determined, according to parameters established by the commissioners 20 of those departments, to be in extreme financial distress or at risk of 21 being in extreme financial distress due to the effects of the coronavirus 2019 public health crisis. Any '[rate] <u>payment</u>' increase provided 22 under this provision shall be retroactive to all payments issued to a 23 provider in FY 2021. Providers included under this ¹[rate] payment¹ 24 increase shall include, but shall not be limited to, day habilitation 25 26 providers, adult day care providers, ¹early intervention providers, ¹ childcare providers, behavioral health providers, and substance use 27 28 disorder providers. Of the \$180,000,000, the appropriate amounts, as 29 determined by the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting and approved by the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, shall be 30 31 transferred, as necessary, to the departments and divisions contracting 32 with social services providers ¹and early intervention services

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 SHH committee amendments adopted February 9, 2021.

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providers¹ in order to effectuate this provision. At least 10 days prior 1 2 to the transfer of such amounts, the Director of the Division of Budget 3 and Accounting shall submit a report to the Joint Budget Oversight 4 Committee detailing, for each department and division, the specific 5 providers that will receive a ¹[rate] <u>payment</u>¹ increase and an explanation of how the amounts associated with the ¹[rate] payment¹ 6 increase were calculated. The Director of the Division of Budget and 7 8 Accounting shall not be authorized to transfer any amounts without the 9 approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, provided that no 10 action taken by the committee within 10 days of receiving a report from the director shall be deemed approval of the transfer. No more 11 12 than 90 days after June 30, 2021, the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall submit a report to the Joint Budget 13 14 Oversight Committee outlining the allocation of this appropriation as 15 compared to the details provided in all previously approved transfer 16 reports. This report shall also indicate the total amount expended from 17 this appropriation, and any unexpended balances that are encumbered 18 or will lapse. 19

20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.