

**New Jersey State Legislature  
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Fiscal Year 2021 State Budget Testimony**

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Pension Contribution and Cost-of-Living Adjustments  
School Based Youth Service Programs

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