STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

June 30, 2016

SENATE BILL NO. 17

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 15 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am appending to Senate Bill No. 17, at the time of my signing it, my statement of items, or parts thereof, to which I object so that each item, or part thereof, so objected to shall not take effect.

Once again, for Fiscal Year 2017, the legislative majority has presented me with an irresponsible spending plan. Their unrealistic budget makes no hard choices, relying instead on gimmicks and assumptions to fund hundreds of millions of dollars in new spending while confirming beyond all doubt that they are untrustworthy stewards of the State's finances. It anticipates $129 million more in additional State revenue collections than my revised May budget recommendations and $301 million more than the May revenue projections prepared by their own Office of Legislative Services. Because the Legislature's proposal is unsound, I must again object.

Rather than enacting common-sense reforms and prioritizing spending needs, the Legislature has abandoned even the appearance of responsibility by spending down the State's surplus and exaggerating likely revenues beyond reasonable levels. The budget recommendations I submitted to the Legislature in February, and updated in May, included a responsible surplus as well as a modest assumption for health benefits reforms that called for the achievement of $250 million in savings to offset anticipated growth. This call for feasible and overdue reforms represented a small down payment on the $2 billion "roadmap" recently detailed by the bipartisan New Jersey Pension and Health Benefit Study Commission. Unfortunately, but unsurprisingly, the legislative majority chose to once again be

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servants to their public union masters. This proves, once again, that the tens of millions of dollars in campaign contributions by the public sector unions to Legislative Democratic committees and Super PACs have bought the blind loyalty of Democratic members along with their votes.

Not only do they refuse to mandate the $250 million in reforms we requested, but in their budget they assume $250 million in savings while at the same time refusing to give us the clear legal tools to achieve it. I will deal with the ramifications for that hypocrisy in a separate Executive Order.

Rather than enacting responsible policies to continue New Jersey's economic recovery, the Legislature remains content to continue on an unsustainable spending spree designed by special interests. We cannot afford it. It is time to reform school funding and provide real property tax relief. It is time to adopt a transportation spending plan that protects our infrastructure without continuing to overburden our overtaxed residents.

I will not allow the Legislature to ignore the real issues facing our State and return to its playbook of pursuing failed, unsustainable, and counterproductive fiscal policies. I am left with no choice but to return this bill with significant reductions in spending in order restore a responsible surplus.

In contrast to the legislative majority's fiscal irresponsibility, my budget framework provides stability for New Jersey's economy. It accommodates reasonable spending, while responsibly meeting the State's fiscal obligations. The Fiscal Year 2017 pension contribution is the largest in State history and continues the strong foundation for the State moving forward. Moreover, my budget ensures funding for our students, protects the public safety, provides property tax relief for our

citizens, and preserves vital programs for our most needy and vulnerable populations. The general appropriations law for Fiscal Year 2017, as modified, that I sign today once again delivers a truly balanced State budget that funds our State's most important priorities without raising taxes on the citizens of New Jersey.

But there is much more work to do. If we are to continue New Jersey's economic recovery, the Legislature must join me in enacting real, responsible reforms for our citizens. Accordingly, I am appending to Senate Bill No. 17, at the time of my signing it, my statement of items, or parts thereof, to which I object so that each item, or part thereof, so objected to shall not take effect.

Respectfully,

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/s/ Chris Christie
Governor

Attest:
/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo
Chief Counsel to the Governor

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01 LEGISLATURE

70 Government Direction, Management, and Control
71 Legislative Activities
0001 Senate
DIRECT STATE SERVICES

Direct State Services:

22 "In addition to the amount hereinabove appropriated, there is appropriated ((\$2,000,000)) for Senate operations."

The amount within double parentheses is reduced to \$1,000,000.

0002 General Assembly
DIRECT STATE SERVICES

Direct State Services:

23 "In addition to the amount hereinabove appropriated, there is appropriated ((\$2,000,000)) for General Assembly operations."

The amount within double parentheses is reduced to \$1,000,000.

0003 Office of Legislative Services
DIRECT STATE SERVICES

"03-0003 Legislative Support Services \$33,146,000."
This item is reduced to \$32,646,000.

"Total Direct State Services Appropriation, Office of Legislative Services \$33,146,000."
This item is reduced to \$32,646,000.

Direct State Services:

23 "03 District Office Support Services (\$1,000,000)."
This item is reduced to \$500,000.

"Legislature, Total State Appropriation \$78,636,000."
This item is reduced to \$78,136,000.

10 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

40 Community Development and Environmental Management
49 Agricultural Resources, Planning, and Regulation
STATE AID

"05-3350 Food and Nutrition Services \$8,613,000."
This item is reduced to \$5,613,000.

"Total State Aid Appropriation, Agricultural Resources, Planning, and Regulation \$8,616,000."
This item is reduced to \$5,616,000.

State Aid:

28 "05 "After the Bell" School Breakfast Aid (\$3,000,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

28 "The amount appropriated hereinabove for "After the Bell" School Breakfast Aid shall be used by the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, to develop and administer an incentive fund that will provide a 10-cent per breakfast supplement to the existing federal reimbursement to school districts that (1) participate in the federal school breakfast program, and (2) meet the eligibility requirements established herein. A public school district with schools that participate in the federal school breakfast program that serve "breakfast after the bell" with at least 20 percent of its students eligible for free or reduced price breakfast shall be eligible for this additional reimbursement. The secretary in consultation with the commissioner shall prepare and issue a report not later than June 30 to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature on the annual cost of the incentive fund to the State, and the number and percentage of additional students participating in the "breakfast after the bell" program for each school district."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

"Department of Agriculture, Total State Appropriation \$22,953,000."
This item is reduced to \$19,953,000.

16 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security

55 Social Services Programs

DIRECT STATE SERVICES

"01-1610 Child Protection and Permanency $463,880,000."
This item is reduced to $461,480,000.
"(From General Fund $188,890,000)."
This item is reduced to $186,490,000.

"Total Appropriation, State, Federal and All Other Funds $571,927,000."
This item is reduced to $569,527,000.
"(From General Fund $257,529,000)."
This item is reduced to $255,129,000.

"Total Direct State Services Appropriation, Social Services Programs $257,529,000."
This item is reduced to $255,129,000.

Direct State Services:

32 "01 Child Collaborative Mental Health Care Pilot Program ($2,400,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

GRANTS-IN-AID

"01-1610 Child Protection and Permanency $493,405,000."
This item is reduced to $488,205,000.
"(From General Fund $442,971,000)."
This item is reduced to $437,771,000.

"02-1620 Children's System of Care $565,185,000."
This item is reduced to $562,685,000.
"(From General Fund $365,972,000)."
This item is reduced to $363,472,000.

"03-1630 Family and Community Partnerships $111,148,000."
This item is reduced to $110,898,000.
"(From General Fund $68,026,000)."
This item is reduced to $67,776,000.

"Total Appropriation, State, Federal, and All Other Funds $1,197,753,000."
This item is reduced to $1,189,803,000.
"(From General Fund $876,969,000)."
This item is reduced to $869,019,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Social Services Programs $876,969,000."
This item is reduced to $869,019,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

33 "01 Child Advocacy Center Competitive Grant Program ($10,000,000)."
This item is reduced to $4,800,000.

33 "02 Family Support Services ($32,320,000)."
This item is reduced to $29,820,000.

34 "03 Latino Action Network Hispanic Women's Resource Centers ($500,000)."
This item is reduced to $250,000.

"Department of Children and Families, Total State Appropriation $1,134,498,000."
This item is reduced to $1,124,148,000.

22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
40 Community Development and Environmental Management
41 Community Development Management
GRANTS-IN-AID

"02-8020 Housing Services $35,660,000."
This item is reduced to $35,410,000.

"20-8035 New Jersey Meadowlands Commission $100,000."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Community Development Management $45,250,000."
This item is reduced to $44,900,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

39 "02 Camden County Housing First Pilot Program ($500,000)."
This item is reduced to $250,000.

39 "20 Hackensack Meadowlands Municipal Committee ($100,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

40 "The amount hereinabove appropriated for the Lead-Safe Home Renovation Pilot Program may be transferred to the Revolving Housing Development and Demonstration Grant Fund for the purpose of remediating lead in dwellings statewide, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.((The commissioner shall provide a preliminary report, on or before October 1, of the fiscal year plan for the Lead-Safe Home Renovation Pilot Program to the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting and the Joint Budget Oversight Committee that delineates the purposes and projects eligible for funding from the program and shall provide to the director and the committee quarterly reports of the expenditures of the fiscal year appropriations for the program.))"

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security
55 Social Services Programs
DIRECT STATE SERVICES

Direct State Services:

41 "Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, every household in the State that is eligible to receive benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) established pursuant to the "Food and Nutrition Act of 2008," Pub.L.110-246 (7 U.S.C. s.2011 et seq.) shall receive a minimum annual energy assistance payment of $21 in order to qualify the household for a heating and cooling standard utility allowance under the SNAP program, in accordance with 7 U.S.C. s.2014(e)(6)(C), unless a standard utility allowance would have been unavailable to the household under the State and federal criteria for SNAP and any applicable energy assistance programs that were in place as of July 1, 2013. This annual payment shall be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), established pursuant to Pub.L. 97-35, Title XXVI (42 U.S.C. s.8621 et seq.) or other energy assistance program for which the household is eligible, as applicable. Any costs associated with increasing LIHEAP payments first shall be charged to the unexpended balance of federal funds available for the LIHEAP program, to the extent permitted by federal law and regulation."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

GRANTS-IN-AID

"05-8050 Community Resources $16,135,000."
This item is reduced to $9,135,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Social Services Programs $16,135,000."
This item is reduced to $9,135,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

42 "05 New Jersey Re-Entry Corporation - One Stop Offender Re-Entry Services ($4,500,000)."
This item is reduced to $2,500,000.

42 "05 City of Newark - Anti-Violence Out-of-School Youth Summer Program ($1,000,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

42 "05 Cumberland County "Steps to Freedom" Re-Entry Program ($500,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

42 "05 County of Essex - Historic Preservation Costs, County Facilities ($3,000,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

42 "05 County of Bergen Local Heritage Tourism and Scenic Byways Pilot Program ($500,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

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43 "The amount appropriated hereinabove for County of Bergen Local Heritage Tourism and Scenic Byways Pilot Program shall be used to develop a pilot program that will unite local history groups under the leadership of the County of Bergen Department of Parks, Division of Cultural and Historic Preservation, to promote local heritage programs county-wide, including but not limited to promotion of local historic locations and assets owned and operated through the division."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

70 Government Direction, Management, and Control
75 State Subsidies and Financial Aid
STATE AID

State Aid:

44 "Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, the release of ((the final 5% or $500, whichever is greater, of))the total annual amount due for the current fiscal year from Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid to municipalities is subject to the following condition: the municipality shall submit to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services a report describing the municipality's compliance with the "Best Practices Inventory" established by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and shall receive at least a minimum score on such inventory as determined by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; provided, however, that the director may take into account the particular circumstances of a municipality((in computing such score)). In preparing the Best Practices Inventory, the director shall identify best municipal practices in the areas of general administration, fiscal management, and operational activities, as well as the particular circumstances of a municipality, in determining the minimum score acceptable for the release of ((the final 5% or $500, whichever is greater, of))the total annual amount due for the current fiscal year((, but in no event shall amounts be withheld with respect to municipal practices occurring prior to the issuance of the Best Practices Inventory unless related to a municipal practice identified in the Best Practices Inventory established in the previous fiscal year))."

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

"Department of Community Affairs, Total State Appropriation $848,572,000."
This item is reduced to $841,222,000.

34 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development
31 Direct Educational Services and Assistance
STATE AID

"01-5120 General Formula Aid $7,752,361,000."
This item is reduced to $7,707,361,000.
"(From Property Tax Relief Fund $7,355,004,000)."
This item is reduced to $7,310,004,000.

"02-5120 Nonpublic School Aid $101,603,000."
This item is reduced to $95,503,000.

"04-5120 Adult and Continuing Education $4,000,000."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

"Subtotal State Aid Appropriation, Direct Educational Services and Assistance $10,156,600,000."
This item is reduced to $10,101,500,000.
"(From General Fund $556,938,000)."
This item is reduced to $546,838,000.
"(From Property Tax Relief Fund $9,599,662,000)."
This item is reduced to $9,554,662,000.

"Total State Aid Appropriation, Direct Educational Services and Assistance $10,122,498,000."
This item is reduced to $10,067,398,000.
"(From General Fund $556,938,000)."
This item is reduced to $546,838,000.
"(From Property Tax Relief Fund $9,565,560,000)."
This item is reduced to $9,520,560,000.

State Aid:

55 "01 Preschool Education Expansion Aid (PTRF) ($25,000,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

55 "01 Programmatic Stabilization Aid (PTRF) ($20,000,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

55 "02 Nonpublic Nursing Services Aid ($14,302,000)."
This item is reduced to $13,451,000.

55 "02 Nonpublic Technology Initiative ($5,400,000)."
This item is reduced to $3,951,000.

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55	"02 Nonpublic Security Aid This item is reduced to $7,500,000.	($11,300,000)."
55	"04 Adult Education Programs This item is deleted in its entirety.	($4,000,000)."

56 "Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, Nonpublic Technology Initiative Aid shall be paid to school districts and allocated for nonpublic school pupils at the rate of ((34)) per pupil in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the federal and State constitutions."

The amount within double parentheses is reduced to $26.

57 "From the amount hereinabove appropriated for Nonpublic Security Aid the Commissioner of Education shall provide State aid to each school district in an amount equal to (($75)) multiplied by the number of nonpublic school students within the district identified by the district on or before November 5 for security services, equipment, or technology to ensure a safe and secure school environment for nonpublic school students."

The amount within double parentheses is reduced to $50.

57 "The amount hereinabove appropriated for Adult Education Programs shall be distributed at a rate of $1,500 per pupil for students enrolled on a full-time equivalent basis (as determined by the Commissioner of Education) in an approved adult high school, a postsecondary career and technical education program at a county vocational-technical school, or a non-credit career and technical education program that has been transferred to a county college from a county vocational school district pursuant to a formal resolution prior to the effective date of this appropriations act. The per pupil amount shall be reduced proportionally if the amount appropriated is insufficient to provide full funding for all eligible enrolled students. The Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development shall review all sources of federal and state funding for employment training programs, and shall make recommendations to the Legislature by May 1, 2017 regarding the availability of such funds to support these programs in future fiscal years."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

60 "From the amount hereinabove appropriated for Preschool Education Expansion Aid, the Commissioner of Education shall provide State aid to no more than 17 qualified districts for the purpose of providing free access to full-day preschool for all three- and four-year old children residing in the school district in accordance with the preschool quality standards adopted by the commissioner, including assistance to districts with the highest concentrations of at-risk pupils to prepare to operate full-day preschool programs. The commissioner shall determine which qualified districts shall receive Preschool Education Expansion Aid based on a district's demonstration of its readiness to operate a preschool program consistent with the preschool quality standards, and shall give priority to qualified districts having the highest concentration of at-risk pupils, as defined pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-45), among all qualified districts. The commissioner shall calculate the aid pursuant to the provisions of subsection a. of section 12 of P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-54) based on the projected preschool enrollment. For the purposes of this provision, "qualified district" means a school district that: (1) pursuant to the provisions of section 12 of P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-54), is to provide free access to full-day preschool to all three- and four-year old children who reside in the district; (2) does not receive any other State funding to provide such access to full-day preschool to all three- and four-year old children; (3) does not receive funds from a subgrant from the federal Preschool Development Grants program; and (4) has at least 75 resident four-year old children who reside in households in which the household income is no greater than 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

60 "The amount hereinabove appropriated for Programmatic Stabilization Aid shall be used by the Commissioner of Education to provide State aid to a school district, other than a school district that participates in the interdistrict public school choice program, that: 1) between October 2010 and October 2014, experienced an increase in its actual resident enrollment of at least 4.5%, 2) between the 2013 - 2014 school year and the 2015 - 2016 school year, experienced a decrease in its equalized valuation, as defined pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-45), of at least 21%, and 3) the school district's State aid growth limit, as calculated by the Department of Education in the 2013-2014 school year, equaled 20%. Programmatic Stabilization Aid shall be allocated to an eligible school district based on the district's share of, among all districts that are eligible to receive Programmatic Stabilization Aid, the sum of Equalization Aid, Special Education Categorical Aid, Security Aid, Transportation Aid, and Adjustment Aid awarded in fiscal year 2016."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

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60 "Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, the amount hereinabove appropriated for Lead Testing for Schools is subject to the following condition: amounts shall be paid to school districts, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, based on approved applications for reimbursement of the costs of testing school drinking water pursuant to program requirements established by the department, which shall be effective upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law. ((The commissioner shall provide a preliminary report, on or before October 1, of the fiscal year plan for Lead Testing for Schools to the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting and the Joint Budget Oversight Committee that delineates the program requirements and shall provide to the director and the committee quarterly reports of the expenditures of the fiscal year appropriations for the program.))"

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development
33 Supplemental Education and Training Programs
STATE AID

"20-5062 General Vocational Education $8,363,000."
This item is reduced to $6,363,000.

"Total State Aid Appropriation, Supplemental Education and Training Programs $8,363,000."
This item is reduced to $6,363,000.

State Aid:

62 "20 County Vocational School District Partnership Grant Program ($3,000,000)."
This item is reduced to $1,000,000.

30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development
34 Educational Support Services
DIRECT STATE SERVICES

"40-5064 Learning Supports and Specialized Services $1,323,000."
This item is reduced to $1,223,000.

"Total Direct State Services Appropriation, Educational Support Services $48,713,000."
This item is reduced to $48,613,000.

Direct State Services:

63 "40 Commission on Italian-American Heritage - Cultural and Educational Programs ($100,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

GRANTS-IN-AID

"30-5063 Standards, Assessments and Curriculum $2,589,000."
This item is reduced to $2,055,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Educational Support Services $3,589,000."
This item is reduced to $3,055,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

63 "30 Advanced Placement Exam Fee Waiver ($969,000)."
This item is reduced to $435,000.

64 "The amount hereinabove appropriated for Advanced Placement Exam Fee Waiver shall supplement that portion of the Advanced Placement Exam Fee that is not currently funded by the Federal Advanced Placement Test Fee Program, The College Board Test Fee Waiver and School Test Processing Fee Waiver for students that qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program((, and any remaining amounts shall be allocated to the Commissioner of Education who shall provide grants to assist public school districts to establish or expand Advanced Placement programs including expanding virtual and/or blended Advanced Placement efforts. In awarding these grants the commissioner shall give preference to schools in which at least 40% of students qualify for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program or are presently offering four or fewer Advanced Placement courses and can establish unmet Advanced Placement potential as demonstrated by current PSAT / NMSQT data and other key measures. The grants may be used for the following purposes, including, but not limited to: providing additional academic support to students as well as outreach and recruitment of students; expanding access to the AP Insight Program; scholarships for teachers to participate in endorsed AP Summer Institutes or other beneficial professional development opportunities; and Advanced Placement course start-up costs, including, but not limited to; curriculum materials, necessary laboratory equipment and other supplies or materials required for the offering of Advanced Placement courses. The commissioner shall develop additional grant-eligibility criteria and shall award funds to applying school districts accordingly))."

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

"Department of Education, Total State Appropriation $13,442,730,000."
This item is reduced to $13,384,996,000.

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66 "Subject to the availability of federal funds, the Commissioner of Education shall enter into a contract with a nonprofit entity, having the largest library of audio textbooks, for the provision of products and services to public schools to assist students who are unable to use standard text due to a learning disability, visual impairment, or a physical disability. The products and services to be provided may include, but need not be limited to, accessible, human-narrated audiobooks that are available through both mainstream and specialized devices, software capable of recording and reporting data for instructional purposes, and professional development opportunities for instructional and support staff. Upon the certification of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting of the availability of federal funds for the performance of the terms of such contract for the 2016-2017 school year, there is appropriated an amount of federal funds ((not less than $550,000 and)) not to exceed $1,500,000 subject to the approval of the director."

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

42 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

40 Community Development and Environmental Management

42 Natural Resource Management

DIRECT STATE SERVICES

Direct State Services:

69 "Of the amount hereinabove appropriated for the Recreational Land Development and Conservation - Constitutional Dedication account, such amounts of the appropriation as are to be determined by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall be allocated for costs associated with the administration of the program pursuant to the amendments effective July 1, 2015 to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

"29-4875 Environmental Management and Preservation - CBT Dedication $13,931,000."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

"Total Capital Construction Appropriation, Natural Resource Management $45,431,000."
This item is reduced to $31,500,000.

71 "29 Recreational Land Development and Conservation - Constitutional Dedication ($13,931,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

71 "The amounts hereinabove appropriated for Recreational Land Development and Conservation - Constitutional Dedication shall be provided from revenue received from the Corporation Business Tax, pursuant to the "Corporation Business Tax Act (1945)," P.L.1945, c.162 (C.54:10A-1 et seq.), as dedicated by Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

71 "Of the amount hereinabove appropriated for the Recreational Land Development and Conservation - Constitutional Dedication account, an amount not to exceed $525,000 is appropriated to the Palisades Interstate Park Commission for costs associated with the capital improvement of recreational land, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

72 "The Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Community Affairs shall provide technical and administrative assistance to the Legislature in the implementation of Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution. The departments may recover appropriate administrative costs for providing this assistance from amounts to be appropriated for the implementation of the Constitutional dedication."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

"Department of Environmental Protection, Total State Appropriation $285,954,000."
This item is reduced to $272,023,000.

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46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

20 Physical and Mental Health

21 Health Services

DIRECT STATE SERVICES

"03-4230 Public Health Protection Services $14,386,000."
This item is reduced to $13,291,000.

"Total Direct State Services Appropriation, Health Services $32,962,000."
This item is reduced to $31,867,000.

Direct State Services:

84 "03 Bloodborne Disease Harm Reduction Program ($95,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

84 "03 New Jersey State Commission on Cancer Research ($2,000,000)."
This item is reduced to $1,000,000.

GRANTS-IN-AID

"02-4220 Family Health Services $131,297,000."
This item is reduced to $130,547,000.

"(From General Fund $130,768,000)."
This item is reduced to $130,018,000.

"03-4230 Public Health Protection Services $50,981,000."
This item is reduced to $45,881,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Health Services $203,929,000."
This item is reduced to $198,079,000.

"(From General Fund $203,400,000)."
This item is reduced to $197,550,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

86 "02 REED Academy - Autism Services Pilot Program ($1,000,000)."
This item is reduced to $500,000.

86 "02 ALS Association ($250,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

86 "03 NJ SPCA ($100,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

86 "03 Local Health Officer Training - Zika Virus Prevention ($5,000,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

89 "Of the amount hereinabove appropriated for the ALS Association to provide support services to New Jersey residents, 50 percent shall be allocated to the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the ALS Association to serve residents in southern New Jersey and 50 percent shall be allocated to the Greater New York Chapter of the ALS Association to serve residents in central and northern New Jersey."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

89 "The amount hereinabove appropriated for Local Health Officer Training-Zika Virus Prevention shall be allocated by the commissioner to establish and implement a training program for municipal and county health officers for Zika virus prevention measures."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

20 Physical and Mental Health

22 Health Planning and Evaluation

GRANTS-IN-AID

"07-4270 Health Care Systems Analysis $299,290,000."
This item is reduced to $270,295,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Health Planning and Evaluation $299,290,000."
This item is reduced to $270,295,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

90 "Health Care Subsidy Fund Payments ($24,996,000)."
This item is reduced to $1,000.

90 "Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck - Palliative Care Pilot Program ($4,000,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

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90 "Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of P.L.2004, c.113 (C.26:2H--18.59i) or any law or regulation to the contrary, the appropriation for Health Care Subsidy Fund Payments is subject to the following conditions: the distribution of Charity Care funding shall be calculated in the following manner: (a) source data for the most recent census data shall be from the 2013 5--Year American Community Survey; (b) source data used shall be from calendar years (CY) 2014 for documented charity care claims data and hospital-specific gross revenue for charity care patients and shall include all adjustments and void claims related to CY 2014 and any prior year submitted claims, as submitted by each acute care hospital or determined by the Department of Health (DOH); (c) source data used for CY 2014 documented charity care for each hospital's total gross revenue for all patients shall be from the CY 2014 Acute Care Hospital Cost Report as defined by Form E4, Line 1, Column E data and shall be according to the DOH advance submission request dated February 5, 2015, as submitted by each acute care hospital by March 13, 2015, and source data used for Medicare Cost Report data shall be from CY 2013; (d) in the event that an eligible hospital failed to submit by March 13, 2015, its total gross revenue for all patients from the CY 2014 Acute Care Hospital Cost Report as defined by Form E4, Line 1, Column E data according to the DOH advance submission request dated February 5, 2015, source data from CY 2013 shall be used for hospital--specific gross revenue for charity care patients and for hospital total gross revenue for all patients as defined by Form E4, Line 1, Column E; (e) the hospital-specific reimbursed documented charity care shall be permitted to decline to 2%, rather than be limited to no less than 43%; (f) for each eligible hospital, except those designated 96% by their hospital--specific reimbursed documented charity care, a proportionate decrease shall be applied to its calculated subsidy based on its percentage of total subsidy such that the total calculated subsidy for all hospitals shall equal (($352,000,000)); and (g) the resulting value will constitute each eligible hospital's SFY 2017 charity care subsidy allocation."

The amount within double parentheses is reduced to $302,000,000.

"Department of Health, Total State Appropriation $546,695,000."
This item is reduced to $510,755,000.

54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

20 Physical and Mental Health
23 Mental Health and Addiction Services
7700 Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services

GRANTS-IN-AID

"09-7700 Addiction Services $38,826,000."
This item is reduced to $36,826,000.

"Subtotal Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services $552,245,000."
This item is reduced to $550,245,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services $444,460,000."
This item is reduced to $442,460,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

96 "09 Community Based Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Prevention – State Share ($28,695,000)."
This item is reduced to $26,695,000.

20 Physical and Mental Health
24 Special Health Services
7540 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

GRANTS-IN-AID

"22-7540 General Medical Services $12,541,833,000."
This item is reduced to $12,503,328,000.

"(From General Fund $3,967,507,000)."
This item is reduced to $3,934,252,000.

"(From Federal Funds $7,287,795,000)."
This item is reduced to $7,282,545,000.

"Subtotal Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services $12,541,833,000."
This item is reduced to $12,503,328,000.

Less:
"Federal Funds $7,287,795,000."
This item is reduced to $7,282,545,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services $3,967,507,000."
This item is reduced to $3,934,252,000.

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	Grants-In-Aid:	
103	"Medical Coverage - Nursing Home Residents This item is reduced to $1,821,405,000.	($1,834,905,000)."
103	"Medical Coverage - Title XIX Parents and Children This item is reduced to $2,138,753,000.	($2,163,758,000)."
	Less:	
	"Federal Funds This item is reduced to $7,282,545,000.	$7,287,795,000."

110 "Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 85 of Title 8 of the New Jersey Administrative Code or any other law or regulation to the contrary and subject to any required federal approval, the amounts hereinabove appropriated within the General Medical Services program classification are subject to the following conditions: (1) Class I (private), Class II (county), and Class III (special care) nursing facilities being paid on a fee-for-service basis, shall be reimbursed at the rate received on June 30, 2016((plus a per diem adjustment that shall be calculated based upon an additional $5,250,000 in State and $5,250,000 in federal appropriations)). Further, no Class I, II, and III nursing facilities being paid on a fee-for-service basis shall receive any additional per diem rate adjustment, with the exception of the provider tax add-on payments; (2) nursing facilities that are being paid by a Managed Care Organization (MCO) for custodial care through a provider contract that includes a negotiated rate shall receive that negotiated rate; (3) any Class I and Class III that is being paid by an MCO for custodial care through a provider contract but has not yet negotiated a rate shall receive the equivalent fee-for-service per diem reimbursement rate as it received as of June 30, 2016 ((plus a per diem adjustment that shall be calculated based upon an additional $5,250,000 in State and $5,250,000 in federal appropriations)) and any Class II nursing facility that is being paid by an MCO but has not yet negotiated a rate shall receive the equivalent fee-for-service per diem reimbursement rate received on June 30, 2016, had it been a Class I nursing facility ((plus a per diem adjustment that shall be calculated based upon an additional $5,250,000 in State and $5,250,000 in federal appropriations)) ; (4) monies designated pursuant to subsection c. of section 6 of P.L.2003, c.105 (C.26:2H-97) for distribution to nursing facilities, less the portion of those funds to be paid as pass-through payments in accordance with paragraph (1) of subsection d. of section 6 of P.L.2003, c.105 (C.26:2H-97), shall be combined with amounts hereinabove appropriated for the General Medical Services program classification for the purpose of calculating NJ FamilyCare reimbursements for nursing facilities; and (5) for the purposes of this paragraph, a nursing facility's per diem reimbursement rate or negotiated rate shall not include, if the nursing facility is eligible for reimbursement, the difference between the full calculated provider tax add-on and the quality-of-care portion of the provider tax add-on, which difference shall be payable as an allowable cost pursuant to subsection d. of section 6 of P.L.2003, c.105 (C.26:2H-97). Provided, further, that on or before September 15, 2016, the Department shall calculate and disseminate to the MCOs the amount of the add-on payable during the year starting October 1, 2016 as an allowable cost, as well as the list of nursing facilities that will receive this add-on, and the MCOs shall adjust the rates paid to nursing facilities accordingly; the add-ons calculated for FY 2016 shall be applied from July 1, 2016, through September 30, 2016 and the first add-on shall be applied to fee-for-service per diem reimbursement rates effective October 1, 2016."

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

112 "Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, the amounts hereinabove appropriated to the General Medical Services program classification are subject to the following condition: assisted living facilities, comprehensive personal care homes and assisted living programs shall receive a per diem rate, respectively, of no less than (($75, $65, and $55)) as reimbursement for each NJ FamilyCare beneficiary under their care."

The amounts within double parentheses are reduced to $73.13, $63.13, and $53.13, respectively.

112 "Notwithstanding the provision of any law or regulation to the contrary, beginning not later than July 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Human Services may make an advance payment to a nursing facility licensed pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.), at the facility's request, whenever the facility is providing uncompensated services to one or more residents whose eligibility for Medicaid has not been determined more than 90 days after an application has been filed. Any such advance payment shall be made with State funding only and shall not exceed fifty percent of the estimated amount due for the uncompensated services. No later than 30 days after any such application is granted and payment has been made to the facility, or after any such application has been denied, the commissioner shall provide reimbursement for any balance due to the facility, or recover any advance payments made on behalf of an applicant deemed ineligible for Medicaid by reducing any payments due to the facility."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

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50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security
53 Economic Assistance and Security
7550 Division of Family Development
STATE AID

"15-7550 Income Maintenance Management $821,717,000."
This item is reduced to $790,217,000.

"(From General Fund $258,516,000)."
This item is reduced to $227,016,000.

"Total Appropriation, State and Federal Funds $821,717,000."
This item is reduced to $790,217,000.

"(From General Fund $258,516,000)."
This item is reduced to $227,016,000.

"Total State Aid Appropriation, Division of Family Development $310,419,000."
This item is reduced to $278,919,000.

"(From General Fund $258,516,000)."
This item is reduced to $227,016,000.

State Aid:

128 "15 Work First New Jersey - Client Benefits ($72,348,000)."
This item is reduced to $60,348,000.

128 "15 General Assistance Emergency Assistance Program ($55,094,000)."
This item is reduced to $40,094,000.

128 "15 Payments for Cost of General Assistance ($35,992,000)."
This item is reduced to $31,492,000.

130 "The amounts hereinabove appropriated for Work First New Jersey - Client Benefits are subject to the following condition: effective July 1, 2016, the maximum benefit levels provided to Work First New Jersey- TANF recipients shall be increased by 10 percent over the benefit levels established pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:90-3.3."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

130 "The amounts hereinabove appropriated for Payments for Cost of General Assistance are subject to the following condition: effective July 1, 2016, the maximum benefit levels provided to Work First New Jersey - General Assistance recipients shall be increased by 10 percent over the benefit levels established pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:90-3.5."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

130 "The amounts hereinabove appropriated for Income Maintenance Management are conditioned upon the following: the commissioner shall reinstate the Emergency Rental Assistance Pilot Program consistent with N.J.A.C. 10:90-6.9 et seq."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

130 "Notwithstanding section 7 of P.L.1997, c.38 (C.44:10-61) or any other law or regulation to the contrary, the level of cash assistance benefits payable to an assistance unit with dependent children shall increase as a result of a child having been born to the assistance unit while the assistance unit is receiving assistance."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

"Department of Human Services, Total State Appropriation $6,510,101,000."
This item is reduced to $6,443,346,000.

133 "Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1985, c.286 (C.30:4D-6a) and section 3 of P.L.1973, c.496 (C.44:7-87) or the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, the minimum monthly personal needs allowance provided to persons residing in nursing facilities, State or county psychiatric hospitals, and State Developmental Centers who are eligible for Medicaid or SSI benefits shall be $50. To effectuate the purposes of this provision, amounts may be transferred from General Medical Services appropriations to other accounts in the department."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

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133 "The amounts hereinabove appropriated to the Department of Human Services are conditioned upon the following: the Department of Human Services shall, to the extent possible, utilize automated commercial wage verification services for the purposes of acquiring necessary real-time employment and income information to help determine program eligibility."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

62 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security
53 Economic Assistance and Security
DIRECT STATE SERVICES

Direct State Services:

136 "In addition to the amount hereinabove appropriated for State Disability Insurance Plan, there is appropriated $3,500,000 from the State Disability Benefits Fund for the Family Leave Insurance Program for education and community outreach, of which not less than $2,000,000 shall be allocated to community-based organizations."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security
54 Manpower and Employment Services
DIRECT STATE SERVICES

"12-4550 Workplace Standards $4,641,000."
This item is reduced to $4,391,000.

"Total Direct State Services Appropriation, Manpower and Employment Services $21,531,000."
This item is reduced to $21,281,000.

Direct State Services:

136 "Salaries and Wages ($16,436,000)."
This item is reduced to $16,186,000.

138 "Of the amount hereinabove appropriated for Workplace Standards Salaries and Wages, an amount not less than $250,000 shall be allocated for the costs of additional staff assigned to enforce the provisions of the "New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act," P.L. 1963, c.150 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.)."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

"Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Total State Appropriation. $167,588,000."
This item is reduced to $167,338,000.

66 DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

10 Public Safety and Criminal Justice
19 Central Planning, Direction and Management
GRANTS-IN-AID

"13-1005 Homeland Security and Preparedness $600,000."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Central Planning, Direction and Management $600,000."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

Grants-In-Aid:

149 "13 Homeland Security Grants ($600,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

149 "The amount hereinabove appropriated for Homeland Security Grants shall be allocated by the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to nonprofit organizations for purposes consistent with the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), Pub.L. 107-296, (6 U.S.C. s.603) in locations not eligible for UASI funding in amounts not to exceed $75,000 per grantee and subject to a 25% match from grantee funds."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

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80 Special Government Services
82 Protection of Citizens' Rights
DIRECT STATE SERVICES

"15-1318 Operation of State Professional Boards $17,883,000."
This item is reduced to $17,633,000.

"(From General Fund $17,791,000)."
This item is reduced to $17,541,000.

"Total Direct State Services Appropriation, Protection of Citizens' Rights $32,939,000."
This item is reduced to $32,689,000.

"(From General Fund $32,847,000)."
This item is reduced to $32,597,000.

Direct State Services:

151 "Board of Nursing - Home Health Aide Application Backlog ($250,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

153 "The amount hereinabove appropriated for Board of Nursing - Home Health Aide Application Backlog, shall be expended by the board during the fiscal year, for the cost of staff assigned to processing home health aide applications, additional supplemental staff, and/or expenses necessary to process home health aide applications."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

"Department of Law and Public Safety, Total State Appropriation $576,968,000."
This item is reduced to $576,118,000.

67 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

10 Public Safety and Criminal Justice
14 Military Services
DIRECT STATE SERVICES

Direct State Services:

155 "The amount hereinabove appropriated for Administration and Support Services is conditioned on the following: any professional services contract awarded by the department for preservation of New Jersey federal military installations shall be based upon the degree of experience of the contractor in advocating against the closure of federal military installations."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

74 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development
36 Higher Educational Services
GRANTS-IN-AID

"81-2401 Educational Opportunity Fund Programs $43,822,000."
This item is reduced to $42,387,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Higher Educational Services $46,622,000."
This item is reduced to $45,187,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

160 "81 Opportunity Program Grants ($29,054,000)."
This item is reduced to $28,159,000.

160 "81 Supplementary Education Program Grants ($14,768,000)."
This item is reduced to $14,228,000.

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2405 Higher Education Student Assistance Authority
GRANTS-IN-AID

Grants-In-Aid:

161 "Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, the amounts provided hereinabove for Tuition Aid Grants shall provide awards to all qualified applicants at levels not to exceed 2% above those levels provided by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority in the prior fiscal year((, provided however, that the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority shall use $17,817,000 to increase the value of grants awarded to all qualified applicants attending a public institution of higher education or to extend grant eligibility to all qualified applicants attending a public institution of higher education and classified in a New Jersey Eligibility Index category that was ineligible to receive a grant in the prior academic year, provided further, that the authority shall first use a portion of the $17,817,000 to avoid reducing the value of grants awarded to all qualified applicants attending an independent institution of higher education below the value of grants awarded in the prior fiscal year)). The unexpended balances reappropriated to the Tuition Aid Grant account shall be available to fund increases in the number of applicants qualifying for full-time Tuition Aid Grant awards, to fund increases in award amounts, and to fund shifts in the distribution of awards that result in an increase in program costs."

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

2410 Rutgers, The State University - New Brunswick
GRANTS-IN-AID

"82-2410 Institutional Support $2,506,327,000."
This item is reduced to $2,506,077,000.

"Subtotal General Operations $2,506,327,000."
This item is reduced to $2,506,077,000.

Less:

"Total Income Deductions $2,180,155,000."

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Rutgers, The State University - New Brunswick $326,172,000."
This item is reduced to $325,922,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

163 "82 Citizenship Rutgers - Immigration Law Project ($250,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

2430 New Jersey Institute of Technology
GRANTS-IN-AID

"82-2430 Institutional Support $434,166,000."
This item is reduced to $430,006,000.

"Subtotal General Operations $434,166,000."
This item is reduced to $430,006,000.

Less:

"Total Income Deductions $394,566,000."

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, New Jersey Institute of Technology $39,600,000."
This item is reduced to $35,440,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

166 "82 Development of the NJIT Engineering Makerspace ($4,160,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

2445 Rowan University
GRANTS-IN-AID

"82-2445 Institutional Support $539,772,000."
This item is reduced to $532,172,000.

"Subtotal General Operations $539,772,000."
This item is reduced to $532,172,000.

Less:

"Total Income Deductions $444,289,000."

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Rowan University $95,483,000."
This item is reduced to $87,883,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

167 "82 School of Osteopathic Medicine Expansion ($6,000,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

167 "82 Operating Costs for New Academic Buildings, Rowan University - Rutgers Camden Board of Governors ($2,100,000)."
This item is reduced to $500,000.

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2480 Stockton University
GRANTS-IN-AID

"82-2480 Institutional Support $208,910,000."
This item is reduced to $204,910,000.

"Subtotal General Operations $208,910,000."
This item is reduced to $204,910,000.

Less:
"Total Income Deductions $186,519,000."

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Stockton University $22,391,000."
This item is reduced to $18,391,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

171 "82 Atlantic City Campus ($4,000,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

"Department of State, Total State Appropriation $1,300,385,000."
This item is reduced to $1,282,940,000.

78 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

60 Transportation Programs
61 State and Local Highway Facilities
CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

"71-6200 Transportation Systems Management $4,000,000."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

"Total Capital Construction Appropriation, State and Local Highway Facilities $1,300,831,000."
This item is reduced to $1,296,831,000.

"(From General Fund $1,300,831,000)."
This item is reduced to $1,296,831,000.

179 "71 Supplementary County Highway Aid ($4,000,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

179 "The amount hereinabove appropriated for the Transportation Trust Fund Subaccount for Debt Service for Prior Bonds and for the Transportation Trust Fund Subaccount for Debt Service for Transportation Program Bonds shall be provided from revenues ((from (i) motor fuel taxes, which are hereby)) appropriated for such purposes pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 4 of the State Constitution((; (ii) $218,064,000 from the petroleum products gross receipts tax, which is hereby appropriated for such purposes pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 4 of the State Constitution; and (iii) $551,767,000 from the sales and use tax which is hereby appropriated for such purposes pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 4 of the State Constitution))."

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

179 "Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, in the event that some of the amounts hereinabove appropriated are not required to pay amounts due under the State contract between the State Treasurer and the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority for the Prior Bonds as the result of the receipt of federal subsidies for debt service on the Prior Bonds, or other obligations issued by the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority in connection with the Prior Bonds the amount hereinabove appropriated ((from the sales and use tax revenues in clause (iii) of the first paragraph above)) shall be reduced by such corresponding amount."

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

179 "Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, in the event that some of the amounts hereinabove appropriated are not required to pay amounts due under the State contract between the State Treasurer and the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority for the Prior Bonds or the State contract between the State Treasurer and the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority for the Transportation Program Bonds as the result of refundings, restructurings, lowered interest rates, or any other action which reduces the amounts required to make the payments under such State contracts, the amount hereinabove appropriated ((from the sales and use tax revenues in clause (iii) of the first paragraph above)) for the Transportation Program Bonds or the Prior Bonds shall be reduced by such corresponding amounts."

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

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187 "The amount appropriated hereinabove for Supplementary County Highway Aid shall be allocated in order that each county allocation from Supplementary County Highway Aid and from the revenues and other funds of the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority for the county aid program shall not be less than the aid received by each county in FY 2013 under the county aid program, provided however, if the amount appropriated for Supplementary County Highway Aid is insufficient for this purpose the aid that would have been received by each county pursuant to this provision shall be proportionately reduced."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

"Department of Transportation, Total State Appropriation $1,504,398,000."
This item is reduced to $1,500,398,000.

82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development

36 Higher Educational Services

GRANTS-IN-AID

"47-2155 Support to Independent Institutions $12,737,000."
This item is reduced to $12,237,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Higher Educational Services $114,509,000."
This item is reduced to $114,009,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

190 "47 Aid to Independent Colleges and Universities ($1,500,000)."
This item is reduced to $1,000,000.

STATE AID

"48-2155 Aid to County Colleges $228,854,000."
This item is reduced to $222,854,000.

"(From Property Tax Relief Fund $210,054,000)."
This item is reduced to $204,054,000.

"Subtotal State Aid Appropriation, Higher Educational Services $228,854,000."
This item is reduced to $222,854,000.

"(From Property Tax Relief Fund $210,054,000)."
This item is reduced to $204,054,000.

"Total State Appropriation, Higher Educational Services $210,054,000."
This item is reduced to $204,054,000.

"(From Property Tax Relief Fund $210,054,000)."
This item is reduced to $204,054,000.

State Aid:

191 "48 Operational Costs (PTRF) ($121,323,000)."
This item is reduced to $115,323,000.

70 Government Direction, Management, and Control

75 State Subsidies and Financial Aid

GRANTS-IN-AID

"33-2078 Homestead Exemptions $572,400,000."
This item is reduced to $527,400,000.

"(From Property Tax Relief Fund $572,400,000)."
This item is reduced to $527,400,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, State Subsidies and Financial Aid $572,400,000."
This item is reduced to $527,400,000.

"(From Property Tax Relief Fund $572,400,000)."
This item is reduced to $527,400,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

203 "33 Senior and Disabled Citizens' Property Tax Freeze (PTRF) ($249,900,000)."
This item is reduced to $204,900,000.

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203 "The amount hereinabove appropriated for the Homestead Benefit Program shall be available to provide homestead benefits only to eligible homeowners pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of P.L.1990, c.61 (C.54:4-8.59) as amended by P.L.2004, c.40 and by P.L.2007, c.62, as may be amended from time to time except that, notwithstanding the provisions of such laws to the contrary: (i) residents who are 65 years of age or older at the close of the tax year, or residents who are allowed to claim a personal deduction as a blind or disabled taxpayer pursuant to subsection b. of N.J.S.54A:3-1, with (a) gross income in excess of $150,000 for tax year 2014 are excluded from the program; (b) gross income in excess of $100,000 but not in excess of $150,000 for tax year 2014 are eligible for a benefit in the amount of 5% of the first $10,000 of property taxes paid, and (c) gross income not in excess of $100,000 for tax year 2014 are eligible for a benefit in the amount of 10% of the first $10,000 of property taxes paid; (ii) residents who are not 65 years of age or older at the close of the tax year, or residents who are not allowed to claim a personal deduction as a blind or disabled taxpayer pursuant to subsection b. of N.J.S.54A:3-1, with (a) gross income in excess of $75,000 for tax year 2014 are excluded from the program; (b) gross income in excess of $50,000 but not in excess of $75,000 for tax year 2014 are eligible for a benefit in the amount of 6.67% of the first $10,000 of property taxes paid; and (c) gross income not in excess of $50,000 for tax year 2014 are eligible for a benefit in the amount of 10% of the first $10,000 of property taxes paid. These benefits listed pursuant to this paragraph will be calculated based on the 2006 property tax amounts assessed or as would have been assessed on the October 1, 2014 principal residence of eligible applicants. The total homestead benefit provided to an eligible applicant in a given State fiscal year shall not exceed the homestead rebate amount paid to such eligible applicant for tax year 2006, absent a change in an applicant's filing characteristics. The homestead benefit shall be paid in ((August of Fiscal Year))2017. If the amount hereinabove appropriated for the Homestead Benefit Program is not sufficient, there is appropriated from the Property Tax Relief Fund such additional amounts as may be required to provide such homestead benefits, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting."

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

204 "Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, the amount hereinabove appropriated for Senior and Disabled Citizens' Property Tax Freeze is subject to the following condition: eligibility for the property tax reimbursement program shall be determined pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1997, c.348 (C.53:4-8.67), except that any citizen with an annual income of more than (($87,007)) shall not be eligible to receive a property tax reimbursement benefit payment in the current fiscal year."

The amount within double parentheses is reduced to $70,000.

STATE AID

State Aid:

206 "Pursuant to section 85 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-85), receipts derived from the 3% Meadowlands regional hotel use assessment are appropriated for deposit into the intermunicipal account established pursuant to section 53 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-53), and shall be used to pay Meadowlands adjustment payments to municipalities in the Meadowlands district pursuant to the "Hackensack Meadowlands Agency Consolidation Act," P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-1 et seq.), subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.((Provided further, if the amount deposited into the intermunicipal account is insufficient, there are appropriated to the intermunicipal account established by section 53 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-53), such amounts as are necessary to pay each constituent municipality the meadowlands adjustment payment calculated pursuant to section 59 of P.L.2015, c.19 (C.5:10A-59), as shall be determined by the State Treasurer.))"

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

206 "Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, the release of ((the final 5% or $500, whichever is greater, of))the total annual amount due for the current fiscal year from the Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief Fund to municipalities is subject to the following condition: the municipality shall submit to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services a report describing the municipality's compliance with the "Best Practices Inventory" established by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and shall receive at least a minimum score on such inventory as determined by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; provided, however, that the director may take into account the particular circumstances of a municipality((in computing such score)). In preparing the Best Practices Inventory, the director shall identify best municipal practices in the areas of general administration, fiscal management, and operational activities, as well as the particular circumstances of a municipality, in determining the minimum score acceptable for the release of ((the final 5% or $500, whichever is greater, of))the total annual amount due for the current fiscal year((, but in no event shall amounts be withheld with respect to municipal practices occurring prior to the issuance of the Best Practices Inventory unless related to a municipal practice identified in the Best Practices Inventory established in the prior fiscal year))."

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

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80 Special Government Services
82 Protection of Citizens' Rights
2048 State Legal Services Office
GRANTS-IN-AID

"89-2048 Civil Legal Services for the Poor $18,018,000."
This item is reduced to $16,018,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, State Legal Services Office $18,018,000."
This item is reduced to $16,018,000.

Grants-In-Aid:

210 "89 Legal Services of New Jersey - Legal Assistance in Civil Matters ($18,018,000)."
This item is reduced to $16,018,000.

"Department of the Treasury, Total State Appropriation $1,752,913,000."
This item is reduced to $1,699,413,000.

94 INTERDEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

70 Government Direction, Management, and Control
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GRANTS-IN-AID

"04-9420 Other Interdepartmental Accounts $20,000,000."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Other Interdepartmental Accounts $20,000,000."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

Grants-In-Aid:

223 "04 Community Provider Contract Adjustments ($20,000,000)."
This item is deleted in its entirety.

223 "Of the amount hereinabove appropriated for Community Provider Contract Adjustments, amounts shall be transferred to departments and divisions contracting with community care providers in order to provide an upward contract adjustment effective January 1, 2017 for such providers, which shall be provided as payments to direct care workers. Contract adjustments shall be prorated to all such eligible providers proportional to their annual contract base. No later than January 1, 2017, the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting shall submit a report to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, detailing, for each department and division: the specific community care providers that will receive an upward contract adjustment in FY2017; for each provider receiving an upward adjustment, the contract base dollar amount upon which each contract adjustment was calculated and the dollar amount of the upward contract adjustment to be received in FY2017; the sum of the contract bases of all community providers receiving an upward adjustment; an explanation of how the amounts associated with the upward contract adjustment were calculated; and the manner in which the department or division administering each contract will ensure that the contract adjustment will be used to provide increased payments to direct care workers."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

"Interdepartmental Accounts, Total State Appropriation $4,351,245,000."
This item is reduced to $4,331,245,000.

Total Appropriation, All State Funds $34,800,995,000."
This item is reduced to $34,509,390,000.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

283 "89. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, no amounts appropriated to any department or other State agency shall be used in any manner, to oppose, contest, stay, or otherwise delay the application, implementation, and enforcement of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units," 80 Fed. Reg. 64662 et seq. (October 23, 2015) as applied to this State."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

Respectfully,

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/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor

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01 LEGISLATURE

22 This language appropriation of $2,000,000 is reduced to $1,000,000, in order to promote consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

23 This language appropriation of $2,000,000 is reduced to $1,000,000, in order to promote consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

23 The appropriation of $1,000,000 is reduced to $500,000, in order to promote consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

10 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

28 The appropriation of $3,000,000 to supplement this existing federal program is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017. The associated language on page 28 is also deleted.

16 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

32 The appropriation of $2,400,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

33 The appropriation of $10,000,000 is reduced to $4,800,000, which represents a more appropriate investment in this new program.

33 The appropriation increase of $2,500,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

34 The appropriation of $500,000 is reduced to $250,000, in order to promote consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

39 The appropriation of $500,000 is reduced to $250,000, in order to maintain Fiscal Year 2016 funding levels.

39 The appropriation of $100,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

40 Language related to reporting requirements is deleted to promote the efficient operation of State government.

41 Language related to the coordination of LIHEAP and SNAP benefits is deleted in its entirety. This language may result in the distribution of benefits without regard to actual heating and cooling expenses which is impermissible as per federal guidance.

42 The appropriation of $4,500,000 is lowered to $2,500,000. Based on the spending in this program in Fiscal Year 2016, this amount is sufficient to continue support for the program.

42 The appropriation of $1,000,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

42 The appropriation of $500,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

42 The appropriation of $3,000,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

42 The appropriation of $500,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017. The associated language on page 43 is deleted.

44 The language is adjusted to provide greater incentive for municipalities to comply with the Best Practices Inventory promulgated by the Division.

34 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

55 The appropriation of $25,000,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendation for Fiscal Year 2017. The associated language on page 60 is deleted.

55 The appropriation of $20,000,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendation for Fiscal Year 2017. The associated language on page 60 is deleted.

55 The appropriation increase of $1,400,000 is reduced to $549,000, in order to maintain Fiscal Year 2016 funding levels.

55 The appropriation increase of $2,400,000 is reduced to $951,000, in order to maintain Fiscal Year 2016 funding levels. The associated language on page 56 is adjusted accordingly.

55 The appropriation of $11,300,000 is reduced to $7,500,000, which represents a 100% increase in the funding made available to nonpublic schools for this purpose in Fiscal Year 2016. The associated language on page 57 is adjusted accordingly.

55 The appropriation of $4,000,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017. The associated language on page 57 is also deleted.

60 Language related to reporting requirements is deleted to promote the efficient operation of State government.

62 The appropriation of $3,000,000 is reduced to $1,000,000, in order to promote consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

63 The appropriation of $100,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

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63 The appropriation of $969,000 is reduced to $435,000, in order to maintain Fiscal Year 2016 funding levels. The associated language on page 64, regarding excess funding, is eliminated.

66 Language creating a minimum award is deleted to maintain appropriate flexibility in the distribution of federal funds.

42 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

71 The appropriation of $13,931,000 related to Recreational Land Development and Conservation is eliminated because it is the subject of separate legislation. The associated language pieces on pages 69 and 71 are also deleted.

72 Language related to Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Preservation is deleted in its entirety because it is the subject of separate legislation.

46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

84 The appropriation of $95,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

84 The appropriation of $2,000,000 is reduced to $1,000,000, in order to maintain Fiscal Year 2016 funding levels.

86 The appropriation of $1,000,000 is reduced to $500,000, in order to promote consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

86 The appropriation of $250,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017. The associated language on page 89 is also deleted.

86 The appropriation of $100,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

86 The appropriation of $5,000,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017. The associated language on page 89 is deleted.

90 The appropriation for Health Care Subsidy Fund Payments is reduced by $24,995,000 and the total allocation of charity care subsidies from the Health Care Subsidy Fund in the associated language on page 90 is reduced to $302,000,000, in order to promote consistency with the Governor's budget recommendation for Fiscal Year 2017.

90 The appropriation of $4,000,000 for one designated medical center is eliminated. State funded grant programs of this sort should be disbursed pursuant to a competitive process administered by the Department of Health.

54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

96 The appropriation increase of $2,000,000 is eliminated. The Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017 provided sufficient funding levels for necessary treatment beds.

103 The appropriation increase from the General Fund of $8,250,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017. The associated language pieces on page 110 and 112 are adjusted, and the associated language on page 133 is deleted. Federal funds are adjusted accordingly.

103 The appropriation of $2,163,758,000 is lowered to $2,138,753,000. Based on the spending in this program in Fiscal Year 2016, this amount is sufficient to continue support for the program.

112 This language is deleted in its entirety because of the financial and administrative burden it would place on the Department. The Department is available to work with impacted facilities as appropriate to address financial issues.

128 The appropriation increase of $12,000,000 to fund increased client benefits and a repeal of the family cap are eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017. The associated language pieces on page 130 are also deleted.

128 The appropriation increase of $15,000,000 to fund an extension of the Rental Assistance Pilot Program is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017. The associated language on page 130 is deleted.

128 The appropriation increase of $4,500,000 to fund increased client benefits is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017. The associated language on page 130 is also deleted.

133 This language is deleted in its entirety because it inappropriately restricts the Department's flexiblity with regard to the utilization of outside services.

62 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

136 This language is deleted in its entirety because it inappropriately restricts the Department's flexibility with regard to education and community outreach.

136 The appropriation increase of $250,000 is eliminated. The Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017 included appropriate funding levels for the Department's enforcement efforts. The associated language on page 138 is deleted.

66 DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

149 The appropriation of $600,000, which would expand a federal program with State funds, is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017. The associated language on page 149 is deleted.

151 The appropriation of $250,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017. The associated language on page 153 is also deleted.

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67 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

155 This language is deleted in its entirety because it attempts to place unnecessary restrictions on the department's procurement process.

74 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

160 The appropriation increase of $3,035,000 is reduced to $2,140,000. In combination with funding for Supplementary Education Program Grants, this amounts to a $1,000,000 increase over Fiscal Year 2016 funding for Educational Opportunity Fund programming.

160 The appropriation increase of $1,965,000 is reduced to $1,425,000. In combination with funding for the Opportunity Program Grants, this amounts to a $1,000,000 increase over Fiscal Year 2016 funding for Educational Opportunity Fund programming.

161 This language is deleted because its inclusion would be inconsistent with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

163 The appropriation of $250,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

166 The appropriation of $4,160,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

167 The appropriation of $6,000,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

167 The appropriation of $2,100,000 is reduced to $500,000, in order to promote consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

171 The appropriation of $4,000,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

78 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

179 The appropriation of $4,000,000 is eliminated. The current Transportation Trust Fund authorization expires on its own terms at the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2016, and is the subject of separate legislation. The associated language on page 187 is also deleted.

179 The language related to Transportation Trust Fund Debt Service appropriations has been partially deleted pursuant to Article V, section I, paragraph 15 of the New Jersey Constitution in order to promote consistency with the Governor's budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2017.

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82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

190 The appropriation increase of $500,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

191 The appropriation increase of $6,000,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

203 The appropriation increase of $45,000,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendation for Fiscal Year 2017.The associated language on page 204 is adjusted accordingly.

203 This language is modified to maintain consistency with the Administration's plan to issue the credits during the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2017.

206 This language is deleted because it is an open-ended appropriation, requiring the State to make direct payments to municipalities, as a result of insufficient local assessment collections.

206 The language is adjusted to provide greater incentive for municipalities to comply with the Best Practices Inventory promulgated by the Division.

210 The appropriation increase of $2,000,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017.

94 INTERDEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

223 The appropriation in the amount of $20,000,000 is eliminated, in order to restore consistency with the Governor's budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2017. The associated language on page 223 is also deleted.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

283 This language is deleted because it would inappropriately limit the flexibility of the State.

Respectfully,

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Thomas P. Scrivo

Chief Counsel to the Governor