

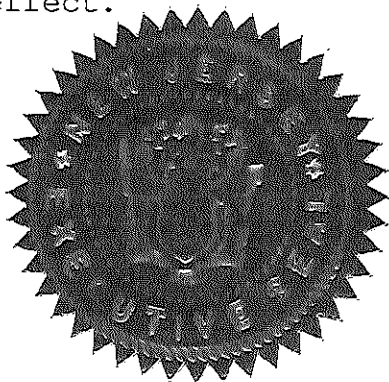
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4700

To the General Assembly:

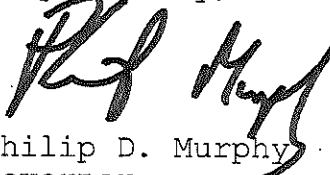
Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 15 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am appending to Assembly Bill No. 4700, at the time of my signing it, my statement of items, or parts thereof, to which I object so that each item, or part thereof, so objected to shall not take effect.

Today, I am pleased to have reached a comprehensive deal with my partners in the Legislature concerning the State's spending plan for Fiscal Year 2025. After many months of negotiations, we have crafted a budget that supports the State's spending needs for the fiscal year, provides record levels of direct and indirect property tax relief, delivers a full pension payment for a fourth straight year, establishes a dedicated funding stream to New Jersey Transit, and supports significant investments in the economy, workforce development, and public safety.

In order to reflect the comprehensive deal struck with my legislative partners, I am making several changes to the bill before me to ensure consistency with legislative intent and my agreement with the Legislature concerning the State's spending plan for Fiscal Year 2025. Accordingly, I am appending to Assembly Bill No. 4700, at the time of my signing it, this statement of items, or parts thereof, to which I object and which shall not take effect.



Respectfully,

  
Philip D. Murphy  
Governor

Attest:



Parimal Garg  
Chief Counsel to the Governor

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10 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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

DIRECT STATE SERVICES

*Direct State Services:*

- 25 "Receipts from dairy licenses and inspections are appropriated for the cost of that program.(( The unexpended balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the Dairy Fee - Administration program, less \$1,500,000, is appropriated for the same purpose, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.))"

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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

STATE AID

*State Aid:*

- 53 "04 Township of Livingston - ((Okner Complex ))Field Improvements (PTRF)"

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

34 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

30 *Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development*  
31 *Direct Educational Services and Assistance*

STATE AID

*State Aid:*

- 73 "Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9 of P.L.1991, c.226 (C.18A:40--31), the amount hereinabove appropriated for Nonpublic Nursing Services Aid shall be made available to local school districts based upon the number of pupils enrolled in each nonpublic school on the last day prior to October 15, 2023 and the rate per pupil shall be ((\$135))."

The amount within double parentheses is reduced to \$130.

- 79 "Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 of P.L.1981, c.57 (C.18A:39-1a) or any other law or regulation to the contrary, the maximum amount of nonpublic school transportation costs per pupil provided for in N.J.S.18A:39-1 shall equal ((\$1,185))."

The amount within double parentheses is reduced to \$1,177.

- 80 "The amount appropriated for South Brunswick School District - Capital (PTRF) shall be available to the school district for various purposes including, but not limited to, STEM program enhancements, the marching band program, and school security."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

- 80 "The amount appropriated for Hillsborough Township Public Schools - Capital (PTRF) shall be available to the school district for various purposes including, but not limited to, STEM program enhancements, the marching band program, and the preservation of extracurricular activities."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

- 80 "The amount appropriated for Hunterdon Central Regional School District - Capital (PTRF) shall be available to the school district for various purposes including, but not limited to, STEM program enhancements and the marching band program."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

30 *Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development*  
32 *Operation and Support of Educational Institutions*  
DIRECT STATE SERVICES

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*Direct State Services:*

81 "The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in the ((receipt ))accounts for the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf are appropriated for expenses of operating the school."

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

### 46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

#### 20 Physical and Mental Health

#### 22 Health Planning and Evaluation

#### GRANTS-IN-AID

*Grants-In-Aid:*

119 "07 Saint Joseph's Hospital((- Capital Improvements))"

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

### 54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

#### 50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security

#### 53 Economic Assistance and Security

#### 7550 Division of Family Development

#### STATE AID

"15-7550 Income Maintenance Management \$384,669,000."

This item is reduced to \$382,169,000.

"(From General Fund

\$264,130,000)."

This item is reduced to \$261,630,000.

"Total State Aid Appropriation, Division of Family Development

\$384,669,000."

This item is reduced to \$382,169,000.

"(From General Fund

\$264,130,000)."

This item is reduced to \$261,630,000.

*State Aid:*

174 " 15 Work First New Jersey Menstrual Hygiene and Diaper Benefits Programs (\$2,500,000)."

This item is deleted in its entirety.

"Department of Human Services, Total State Appropriation

\$9,851,331,000."

This item is reduced to \$9,848,831,000.

### 74 DEPARTMENT OF STATE

#### 30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development

#### 36 Higher Educational Services

#### 2405 Higher Education Student Assistance Authority

#### GRANTS-IN-AID

"45-2405 Student Assistance Programs \$666,093,000."

This item is reduced to \$646,093,000.

"Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation, Higher Education Student Assistance Authority

\$666,093,000."

This item is reduced to \$646,093,000.

*Grants-In-Aid:*

217 " 45 Tuition Aid Grants (\$480,887,000)."

This item is reduced to \$460,887,000.

"Department of State, Total State Appropriation

\$2,167,406,000."

This item is reduced to \$2,147,406,000.

Total Appropriation, All State Funds

\$56,635,803,000."

This item is reduced to \$56,613,303,000.

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### 10 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- 25 This language is partially deleted in order to maintain consistency with the comprehensive budget deal struck between the Governor and Legislature.

### 22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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### 34 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- 73 The language related to Nonpublic Nursing Services Aid is adjusted in order to ensure the per pupil amount can be supported within the available appropriation.
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- 81 The language related to the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf has been technically edited to be consistent with the Governor's original budget recommendations for FY2025.

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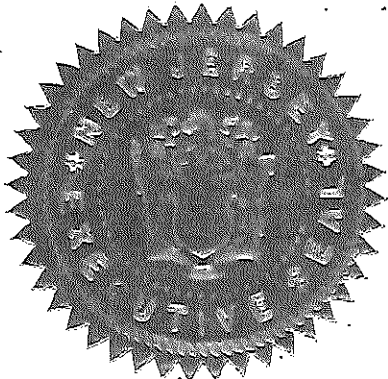
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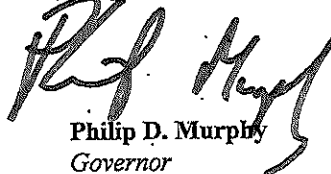
- 174 The appropriation of \$2,500,000 is eliminated because it is duplicative of amounts appropriated in separate legislation for the same purpose and to maintain consistency with the comprehensive budget deal struck between the Governor and Legislature.

### 74 DEPARTMENT OF STATE


- 217 The appropriation is reduced by \$20,000,000, the amount intended for Summer Tuition Aid Grants which P.L.2023, c.34 requires be funded by a separate line item in the annual appropriations act. The Legislature intends to fund Summer Tuition Aid Grants through separate legislation.



Respectfully,

  
Philip D. Murphy  
Governor

Attest:



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Chief Counsel to the Governor