

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 5601

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 15 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am appending to Assembly Bill No. 5601, 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.

Assembly Bill No. 5601 supplements the Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations act. Included in the bill is an appropriation of \$10 million in State Aid to the Department of Community Affairs to fund Trenton Capital City Aid. Assembly Bill No. 5601 moved through the Legislature concurrently with Assembly Bill No. 5210, which establishes the Trenton Capital City Aid Program and appropriates \$10 million in State Fiscal Year 2019 to the program.

On June 26, 2019, I signed Assembly Bill No. 5210. As a result, the appropriation of \$10 million to the City of Trenton provided in Assembly Bill No. 5601 is no longer necessary because the City of Trenton will receive \$10 million in aid in Fiscal Year 2019 through the enactment of Assembly Bill No. 5210.

Additionally, Assembly Bill No. 5601 appropriates \$5 million to the Department of Law and Public Safety to fund the New Jersey State Police Communication System in Fiscal Year 2019. The legislative history accompanying this bill does not provide guidance about the intended purpose of this significant expenditure. Because it is unclear exactly how this \$5 million is intended to be utilized, I am removing this item of appropriation from Assembly Bill No. 5601.

Accordingly, I am appending to Assembly Bill No. 5601, at the time of my signing it, this statement of items, or parts thereof, to which I object and which shall not take effect.

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Respectfully,

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Matthew J. Platkin

Chief Counsel to the Governor