

GOVERNOR'S PROGRAM BILL

2024

M E M O R A N D U M

AN ACT making appropriations for the support of government and to amend chapter 111 of the laws of 2024 relating to making appropriations for the support of government, in relation thereto; and to amend chapter 113 of the laws of 2024, relating to making appropriations for the support of government, in relation thereto, and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

Purpose:

This bill provides appropriations to various State departments and agencies to permit certain payments due from April 1 to April 11, 2024, to be made absent enactment of the Budget appropriation bills submitted by the Governor for the State fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024.

Summary of Provisions:

Section 1 authorizes the Comptroller to utilize the appropriations contained in this bill, which relate to the 2024-25 State fiscal year, absent enactment of the 2024-25 Budget.

Section 2 provides \$254.5 million in additional appropriation authority for personal service payments scheduled to be made to State officers and employees on the payrolls scheduled to be paid between April 1, 2024 and April 11, 2024. This appropriation also includes funding for payment of health care and mental hygiene bonuses to eligible State employees, and payment for services performed by mentally ill or developmentally disabled persons who are employed in State operated special employment, work for pay or sheltered workshop programs.

Section 3 provides \$2 million in additional appropriation authority for nonpersonal service payments by various State agencies. It is the intent of this section to provide sufficient authorization for agencies to enter into contracts, the terms of which may continue beyond the life of this appropriation and for which payments for liabilities incurred beyond April 11, 2024 would be made subject to additional future appropriations.

Section 4:

- Provides \$80 million in appropriation authority for personal service payments scheduled to be made to officers and employees of the Judiciary through April 11, 2024.
- Provides \$17 million in appropriation authority for nonpersonal service liabilities incurred by the Judiciary.
- Provides \$12.5 million in appropriation authority for aid to localities liabilities incurred by the Judiciary.

- Provides \$67 million in appropriation authority for various employee fringe benefit programs within the Judiciary.

Section 5:

- Continues \$6.4 million for services and expenses related to the Indian health program.
- Provides \$3.2 million in additional authority for various federal food and nutritional services.

Section 6 provides \$105,000 in appropriation authority for the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs to support the Surrogate Decision-Making Committee.

Section 7 provides \$165 million in additional appropriation authority for the continuation of unemployment insurance benefits. New appropriation is necessary due to daily new liabilities created by those filing unemployment insurance benefit claims.

Section 8 provides \$49.5 million in appropriation authority to the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities to support not-for-profit providers of essential programs and services.

Section 9 provides \$51 million in appropriation authority for the payment of mass transit operating assistance.

Section 10 provides \$42,000 in additional appropriation authority for payments to veterans experiencing homelessness.

Section 11 prohibits expenditures from all appropriations until certificates of approval have been issued by the Director of the Budget and filed with certain State officers.

Section 12 requires the Comptroller to transfer any expenditures made against these appropriations to the 2024-25 Budget appropriations after they have become law.

Section 13, the severability clause, provides that if any part of this Act be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment would not invalidate the remainder of the Act.

Section 14 provides that the bill takes effect immediately and is deemed to be in full force and effect on April 1, 2024, and, further, that the appropriations made in the bill will be deemed repealed upon the transfer of expenditures by the Comptroller pursuant to section 12 of the bill.

Statement in Support:

This bill will allow the State to make certain payments and incur certain liabilities during the period April 1 through April 11, 2024 on a timely basis, in the absence of an enacted budget for State fiscal year 2024-25.

Budget Implications:

Expenditures and disbursements made against these appropriations shall, upon final action by the Legislature on the appropriation bills submitted by the Governor for the support of government for the State fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024, be transferred by the Comptroller as expenditures and disbursements to such appropriations for State departments and agencies. Accordingly, this bill will have no additional impact on the State's 2024-25 Financial Plan.