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43	"12-4875 Parks Management This item is reduced to \$28,480,000.	28,509,000."
43	"Total Appropriation, Natural Resource Management This item is reduced to \$51,111,000.	\$51,140,000."
43	"High Point State Park, Brush Chipper This item is deleted in its entirety.	(13,000)."
44	"Forest Fire Attack Equipment Trailer This item is deleted in its entirety.	(16,000)."
50	"Total Appropriation, Department of Environmental Protection This item is reduced to \$180,854,000.	\$180,883,000."

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55 "Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and notwithstanding the terms of any repayment agreement with the Department of Health concerning charity care overpayments, the department shall forgive any repayment due to be made to the department in fiscal year 1998 as repayment of a charity care overpayment that is due from a hospital which meets the following conditions: (a) the hospital received in 1995 less than 50% of that hospital's 1993 "Charity Care" Subsidy payments, exclusive of any supplemental payments received during fiscal year 1996, (b) the hospital receives less than 33% of that hospital's total uncompensated care in subsidy, (c) the hospital does not receive any subsidy payments under the "other Uncompensated Care" subsidy account in 1995, and (d) the hospital treats a substantial amount of problem billed cases measured by having received at least \$4,000,000 from the Hospital Relief Fund in the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services in the Department of Human Services during fiscal year 1996."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

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59 "An amount not to exceed \$100,000 is appropriated for General Assistance pharmaceutical rebate revenue for administration and collection of these rebates by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting." The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

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'In addition to the amounts provided hereinabove for Workers' Compensation, there are appropriated from the Second Injury Fund, pursuant to subsection j. of R.S.34:15-94, such additional sums as may be necessary to provide for two additional Workers' Compensation judges, so that the total number of funded Workers' Compensation judge positions shall be 53.'' The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

116	"Total Appropriation, Direct State Services	\$5,044,147,000."
	This item is reduced to \$5,044,118,000.	

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117 "Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, for the authority to apply to the pooling of funds to be created by the New Capital Sources Board pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1995,c.293 (C.34:1B-110) and for administrative costs necessary to implement the purposes of the "New Capital Sources Partnership Act," P.L.1995,c.293 (C.34:1B-107 et seq.). Of this amount \$1,350,000 shall be allocated to leverage commitments from initial investors in and incorporators of the New Capital Sources Partnership in accordance with section 4 of P.L.1995,c.293 (C.34:1B-110). Such amount shall be allocated by the authority upon certification by the partnership that the commitments from initial investors and incorporators, when combined with the amount from the authority, are sufficient to enable the partnership to implement the purposes of P.L.1995,c.293; and \$150,000 shall be allocated to administrative costs necessary to implement the purposes of P.L.1995,c.293. Such amounts shall be allocated by the authority upon certification by the New Capital Sources Board that the amount is necessary for administrative costs to implement the purposes of that act."

The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

117-118"Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, an amount not to exceed ((\$5,000,000)) is appropriated to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, for the purpose of investing such money in an export finance company, pursuant to section 4 of P.L.1995,c.209 (C.34:1B-96). Such amount shall be invested by the authority in the export finance company in accordance with a schedule determined by the State Treasurer after the Export Finance Company Advisory Council, established pursuant to section 7 of P.L.1995,c.209 (C.34:1B-99), certifies that sufficient funds have been committed from private sources to implement the purposes of the "Export Financing Opportunities Act," P.L.1995,c.209 (C.34:1B-93 et seq.)."
The amount within double parenthesis is reduced to \$2,000,000.

"DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES"

126	"07-4270 Health Care Planning, Financing, & Information Services This item is reduced to \$33,400,000.	35,285,000."
126	"Total Appropriation, Health Planning & Evaluation This item is reduced to \$33,904,000.	\$35,789,000."
126	"Northwest Covenant Health System This item is deleted in its entirety.	(1,885,000)."
128	"By December ((3))1, 1997 a Medicaid provider nursing facility shall be certified by Medicare as a provider of skilled nursing services ((for a number of beds to be determined by the provider)) consistent with Medicare regulations, except that this requirement shall not apply if a nursing facility cannot be certified as a Medicare skilled nursing facility provider due to its inability to meet structural requirements for physical plant required by the Medicare certification process. The language within double parentheses is deleted.	
129	"Total Appropriation, Department of Health and Senior Services This item is reduced to \$681,629,000.	\$683,514,000."
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141	"07-2540 Development of Historical Resources	2,302,000"
	This item is reduced to \$702,000.	

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141	"Total Appropriation, Cultural and Intellectual Development Services This item is reduced to \$13,877,000.	\$15,477,000."
141	"New Jersey Historical Society Relocation This item is reduced to \$500,000.	(\$2,100,000)."
142 <u>Page</u>	"Total Appropriation, Department of State This item is reduced to \$71,139,000.	\$72,739,000."
145	"Total Appropriation, Grants-in-Aid This item is reduced to \$3,233,947,000.	\$3,237,432,000."

"STATE AID"

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147 "The unexpended balance as of June 30, 1997 in the Aid for GAAP Accounting Implementation is appropriated. Any training ((provided to municipal governments funded)) from Aid for GAAP Accounting Implementation shall be through purely voluntary local interest and nothing provided in this act shall require any municipality to adopt GAAP accounting or to participate in a program to encourage GAAP accounting." The language within double parentheses is deleted.

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149 "The amount payable to each charter school operating under authority granted by the State Board of Education shall be determined pursuant to the "Charter School Program Act of 1995," P.L.1995, c.426 (C.18A:36A-1 et seq.); provided, however, that for the 1997-98 school year, "local levy budget" as used in section 12 of that act means the sum of a school district's T & E program budget plus the portion of a district's local levy which is above the district's maximum T & E budget as calculated under the "Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996," P.L.1996, c.138 (C.18A:7F-1 et al.)." The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.

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155 "Of the amount appropriated for Payments to Municipalities for Cost of General Assistance and for General Assistance Emergency Assistance Program, \$750,000 is made available to implement a General Assistance home visits program ((in the cities of Camden, East Orange, Elizabeth, Jersey City, Newark and Trenton)) for the July 1 through December 31, 1997 period. An additional \$750,000 shall be available for the home visits program during the January 1 through June 30, 1998 period ((, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee))."

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

"DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY"

- 157 "There are appropriated so much of the proceeds of taxes on fire insurance premiums, received or receivable, as may be required for payment to the New Jersey Firemen's Home and the New Jersey Firemen's Association." The quoted language is deleted in its entirety.
- 157 "There is appropriated \$740,000,000 from the "Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief Fund" pursuant to P.L.1997, c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 30 or Assembly Bill No. 2824 of 1997) if that act is enacted ((on or before July 1, 1997)). Otherwise, notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 of P.L.1980, c.10 (C.54:30A-24.1), section 4 of

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P.L.1980, c.11 (C.54:30A-61.1), section 27 of P.L.1991, c.184 (C.54:30A-24.4), and section 28 of P.L.1991, c.184 (C.54:30A-61.4), or any other provisions of law, the payments to municipalities during fiscal year 1998 from the proceeds of the public utilities franchise and gross receipts taxes, or from taxes and assessments collected in replacement of such taxes, shall be as follows: (1) \$685,000,000 shall be distributed based upon taxes imposed and payable in calendar year 1996, apportionment valuations of scheduled property as of July 1, 1995 and municipal purposes tax rates preceding 1996, and shall be paid according to the following schedule: July 15, 35% of the total amount due; August 1, 10% of the total amount due; September 1, 30% of the total amount due; October 1, 15% of the total amount due; November 1, 5% of the total amount due; and December 1, 5% of the total amount due; (2) \$45 million shall be distributed in proportion to the payments hereinabove determined, shall be paid on June 30, 1998 and shall be available to municipalities as revenue for local fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 1998; provided however, that amounts collected in excess of amounts distributed shall be anticipated as revenue for general State purposes."

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

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165 "Notwithstanding the provisions of P.L. 1995, c. 112 (C.39:8-41 et al.), if the increase in operating and capital costs for the implementation of the Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance program exceeds the available funding from federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement funds, there are appropriated such sums as are necessary for the capital or debt service costs of the Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance program, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting ((and the Joint Budget Oversight Committee)). It is anticipated that federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement funds to be received in State fiscal years 1999 and 2000 will be more than sufficient to offset any State funded appropriation made herein."

The language within double parentheses is deleted.

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"Total Appropriation, General Fund This item is reduced to \$10,875,995,000. \$10,879,509,000."

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183 "The Commissioner of Education shall approve all disbursements from the Abbott v. Burke Parity Remedy account to any "Abbot district." Use of the funds shall be limited to the following five allowable categories of expenditures: 1) to achieve the class sizes; professional staff/student ratios; per-pupil expenditures for instructional materials, textbooks, supplies and equipment; expenditures for educational technology; expenditures for media equipment and supplies; and expenditures for standards-related professional development as directly related to the Core Curriculum Content Standards ((and as reflected in the Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996 (CEIFA) efficiency standards)); 2) to accelerate implementation of programs targeted by CEIFA for multiyear phase-in and those curricular programs related to Core Curriculum Content Standards which are scheduled for future implementation; 3) to enhance delivery of the Core Curriculum Content Standards through improvement or rental of facilities; 4) to provide a safe, disciplined school environment through expenditures for safety personnel, equipment and supplies; and 5) to expand the breadth of course offerings in the Core Curriculum Content areas. The commissioner shall not authorize the disbursement of funds until the commissioner is satisfied that the funds, as well as all educational expenditures in the district, will be spent effectively and efficiently in order to enable those students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards. The commissioner shall be authorized to take any necessary

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action to fulfill this responsibility consistent with the order of the Supreme Court of New Jersey in Abbott v. Burke dated May 14, 1997. Notwithstanding any provision of P.L.1968, c.410(C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to the contrary, the commissioner may adopt, immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law, such regulations as the commissioner deems necessary to implement the May 14, 1997 <u>Abbott</u> order; such regulations shall be effective through June 30, 1998. The commissioner may deduct from the State aid of any "Abbott district," the expenses required to manage, control and supervise the implementation of additional funding required under the May 14, 1997 Abbott order. In order to expeditiously fulfill the responsibilities of the commissioner under the May 14, 1997 Abbott order during Fiscal Year 1998, determinations by the commissioner hereunder shall be considered to be final agency action ((and appeal of that action shall be directly to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court)). If the commissioner finds that the funds in the Abbott v. Burke Parity Remedy account are not committed by the end of Fiscal Year 1998, the commissioner is directed to request that carry forward language is included in the Governor's Fiscal Year 1999 State budget recommendations." The language within double parentheses is deleted.

193	"Total Appropriation, All State Funds This item is reduced to \$16,786,638,000.	\$16,790,152,000."
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240	"Grand Total Appropriation, All Funds This item is reduced to \$22,828,192,000.	\$22,831,706,000."