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SYNOPSIS

Establishes legislative internship program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly State and Local Government Committee with technical review.



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1 AN ACT establishing a legislative internship program and
2 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. Members of the Legislature shall obtain the approval of
8 the presiding officer of the member's House prior to employing an
9 intern through the legislative internship program. Once approved
10 by the presiding officer of the member's House, the member shall
11 employ the intern.

12 b. The legislative internship program shall be open to any full-
13 time or part-time student currently attending any accredited
14 institution of higher education. The program shall be open to
15 students in undergraduate level and graduate level programs, with
16 the exception of juris doctorate and PhD programs.

17 c. Students who are residents of New Jersey, or who are
18 attending institutions of higher education located within New
19 Jersey, shall be granted priority over other applicants to the
20 program.

21 d. Participants shall be required to complete one work period
22 with a district office of a legislator. The work period shall be
23 established by each legislator prior to the employment of an intern.

24 e. When a participant completes the program requirement, the
25 legislator may elect to retain the participant for an additional work
26 period if the participant agrees to continue their internship.

27 f. The Legislature, with the assistance of the Department of
28 Labor and Workforce Development, shall annually apply for and
29 use any federal grant funds or other federal assistance which may be
30 available to be used for the legislative internship program
31 established pursuant to this section including, but not limited to, the
32 federal "On-the-Job Training" program funded by the federal
33 "Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act," (29 U.S.C. s.3101 et
34 seq.).

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36 2. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the
37 New Jersey Legislature such funds as shall be necessary for the
38 purposes of the legislative internship program established pursuant to
39 section 1 of this act, P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the Legislature
40 as this bill).

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42 3. This act shall take effect immediately.