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SYNOPSIS

Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns to support farm to school and school gardens programs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on June 9, 2014, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning voluntary contributions through gross income
2 tax returns to support farm to school and school gardens
3 programs, supplementing Chapter 9 of Title 54A of the New
4 Jersey Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. a. There is established in the Department of the Treasury a
10 special fund to be known as the “New Jersey Farm to School and
11 School Garden Fund.”

12 b. Each taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on the
13 taxpayer’s New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the
14 taxpayer’s refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited in
15 the special fund.

16 c. Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection
17 or administration attributable to this act may be deducted from
18 receipts collected pursuant to this act, as determined by the Director
19 of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of
20 Taxation. The State Treasurer shall deposit net contributions
21 collected pursuant to this section to the “New Jersey Farm to School
22 and School Garden Fund.”

23 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all funds
24 deposited in the “New Jersey Farm to School and School Garden
25 Fund” established pursuant to this section to the New Jersey
26 Department of Agriculture for use in support of its Farm to School
27 program ¹[, including] and grants for¹ the development and
28 expansion of ¹the Farm to School program and¹ school gardens
29 activities.

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable
32 years beginning on or after January 1 next following enactment.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SED committee amendments adopted June 9, 2014.