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SYNOPSIS

Eliminates cap on cost of SDA district school facilities projects that may be constructed by district and included in capital outlay budget.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the construction of certain school facilities
2 projects and amending P.L.2007, c.260.

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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. Section 21 of P.L.2007, c.260 (C.18A:7F-63) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 21. a. Notwithstanding any provision of P.L.2000,
10 c.72 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.) or P.L.2007, c.137 (C.52:18A-235 et al.) to
11 the contrary, an SDA district as defined in section 3 of P.L.2000,
12 c.72 (C.18A:7G-3) may include in its annual capital outlay budget
13 and construct one or more school facilities projects if **the cost of**
14 **each project does not exceed \$500,000 and** the commissioner, in
15 consultation with the New Jersey Schools Development Authority,
16 approves the inclusion of the project upon a demonstration by the
17 district that its budget includes sufficient funds to finance the
18 project. The commissioner's approval of the inclusion of the school
19 facilities project in the district's annual capital outlay budget may
20 also contain specific conditions including, but not limited to, a
21 requirement that the district follow the design requirements and
22 materials and system standards established by the development
23 authority. A district may also withdraw funds from a capital
24 reserve account for such purpose with the approval of the
25 commissioner.

26 b. A school facilities project **the cost of which does not**
27 **exceed \$500,000 and** that is not financed and constructed pursuant
28 to subsection a. of this section, shall continue to be financed and
29 constructed in accordance with the provisions of P.L.2000,
30 c.72 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.) and P.L.2007, c.137 (C.52:18A-235 et al.).
31 (cf: P.L.2007, c.260, s.21)

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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38 Under current law, an SDA (former Abbott) district may include
39 in its annual capital outlay budget and construct one or more school
40 facilities projects if the cost of each project does not exceed
41 \$500,000 and the Commissioner of Education approves the
42 inclusion of the project upon a demonstration by the district that its
43 budget includes sufficient funds to finance the project. This bill
44 eliminates the \$500,000 cap on the cost of projects that may be
45 constructed by an SDA district and included in its annual capital
46 outlay budget. The bill also provides that the commissioner will

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.

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1 approve the inclusion in consultation with the New Jersey Schools
2 Development Authority. The commissioner's approval may also
3 contain specific conditions including, but not limited to, a
4 requirement that the district follow the design requirements and
5 materials and system standards established by the development
6 authority.