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SYNOPSIS

Limits annual increase in tuition rates charged by county vocational school districts to two percent.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning tuition rates charged by county vocational
2 school districts and amending P.L.1990, c.52.

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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 71 of P.L.1990, c.52 (C.18A:54-20.1) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 71. a. the board of education of each school district or regional
10 school district in any county in which there is a county vocational
11 school district shall send to any of the schools of the county
12 vocational school district each pupil who resides in the school
13 district or regional school district and who has applied for
14 admission to and has been accepted for attendance at any of the
15 schools of the county vocational school district. The board of
16 education shall pay tuition for each of these pupils to the county
17 vocational school district pursuant to subsection c. of this section.
18 The provisions of this section shall not apply to the board of
19 education of a school district or regional school district maintaining
20 a vocational school or schools pursuant to article 2 of chapter 54 of
21 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

22 b. The board of education of a county vocational school district
23 shall receive pupils from districts without the county so far as their
24 facilities may permit.

25 c. The board of education of a county vocational school district
26 shall receive such funds as may be appropriated by the county
27 pursuant to N.J.S.18A:54-29.2 and shall be entitled to collect and
28 receive from the sending districts in which each pupil attending the
29 vocational school resides, for the tuition of that pupil, except for a
30 post-secondary vocational education pupil, a sum not to exceed the
31 lesser of the actual cost per pupil as determined for each vocational
32 program classification, according to rules prescribed by the
33 commissioner and approved by the State board, or 102% of the
34 tuition charged for each pupil for each vocational program
35 classification in the prior school year . Whenever funds have been
36 appropriated by the county, the county vocational school district
37 may charge a fee in addition to tuition for any pupils who are not
38 residents of the county. The fee shall not exceed the amount of the
39 county's per pupil appropriation to the county vocational school
40 district.

41 d. The tuition and nonresident fee, if any, shall be established
42 not later than January 15 in advance of the school year by the board
43 of education. The tuition for each program category shall be at the
44 same rate per pupil for each sending district whether within or
45 without the county, and 10% of the tuition amount and nonresident

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.

1 fee, if any, shall be paid on the first of each month from September
2 to June by or on behalf of the board of education of each sending
3 district.

4 e. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.1991, c.62).
5 (cf: P.L.1991, c.62, s.24)
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7 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first be
8 applicable to the first full school year beginning after the date of
9 enactment.
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STATEMENT

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14 Under current law, a county vocational school district may
15 charge a resident school district a tuition rate for each of its pupils
16 enrolled in the county vocational school district. That tuition rate
17 may not exceed the county vocational school district's actual cost
18 per pupil. This bill would limit the annual increase in the tuition
19 rate to two percent. Limiting the tuition rate increase to two percent
20 would be consistent with the two percent tax levy growth limitation
21 currently applied to school districts.