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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$300,000 from General Fund to New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station at Rutgers University.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/22/2020)

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

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The VETS program is an initiative that seeks to empower local unemployed veterans with environmental job skills. Local veterans receive an educational stipend while undergoing certified training programs in a range of sustainable landscaping, environmental, and business skills. New trainees learn through a combination of in-class lectures, site visits, and hands-on engagement within the community. The VETS program also provides resources to help participating veterans readjust to civilian life, become self-sufficient, and re-engage in their community through environmental improvement initiatives.

1 The Essex County VETS program was established in 2014, as a
2 collaborative effort between the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural
3 Experiment Station Cooperative Extension, the Metropolitan
4 Resurrection Community Development Corporation, and the Lower
5 Passaic River Study Area Cooperating Parties Group.

6 The funds appropriated under this bill would be allotted to the
7 VETS program for the continuation and expansion of the program
8 now that program funding has ended.