

ASSEMBLY, No. 5887

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Awards project grants under “Securing Our Children’s Future Fund” for water infrastructure projects in certain school districts; appropriates \$6,608,212.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/24/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning project grants under the “Securing Our
2 Children’s Future Fund” for water infrastructure projects in
3 certain school districts and making an appropriation.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. a. There is appropriated from the “Securing Our Children’s
9 Future Fund,” established pursuant to section 13 of P.L.2018, c.119,
10 to the Department of Education the sum of \$5,608,212 to provide
11 grants for water infrastructure improvement projects in school
12 districts. Project grants shall be approved in the amounts set forth in
13 subsection b. of this section.

14 b. Project grants shall be awarded in the amounts as follows:

15 (1) \$19,838 to the Buena Regional School District in Atlantic
16 County;

17 (2) \$22,435 to the Folsom Borough School District in Atlantic
18 County;

19 (3) \$12,280 to the Galloway Township School District in
20 Atlantic County;

21 (4) \$53,132 to the Bergenfield Borough School District in
22 Bergen County;

23 (5) \$30,993 to the Bogota Public School District in Bergen
24 County;

25 (6) \$109,600 to the Cresskill Public School District in Bergen
26 County;

27 (7) \$6,778 to the North Arlington School District in Bergen
28 County;

29 (8) \$30,382 to the Oakland Public School District in Bergen
30 County;

31 (9) \$28,211 to the Ramsey School District in Bergen County;

32 (10) \$9,311 to the Waldwick School District in Bergen County;

33 (11) \$18,011 to the Burlington City Public School District in
34 Burlington County;

35 (12) \$1,049 to the Voorhees Township School District in Camden
36 County;

37 (13) \$278,149 to the Waterford Township School District in
38 Camden County;

39 (14) \$122,050 to the Bridgeton City School District in
40 Cumberland County;

41 (15) \$4,061,618 to the Jersey City Public Schools in Hudson
42 County;

43 (16) \$204,094 to the South Hunterdon Regional School District,
44 Hunterdon County;

45 (17) \$16,812 to the Hamilton Township Public School District in
46 Mercer County;

47 (18) \$2,111 to the New Brunswick School District in Middlesex
48 County;

- 1 (19)\$5,670 to the South River Public School District in
2 Middlesex County;
3 (20)\$70,721 to the Shore Regional High School District in
4 Monmouth County;
5 (21)\$11,715 to the Madison Public School District in Morris
6 County;
7 (22)\$395,872 to the Passaic City School District in Passaic
8 County;
9 (23)\$16,454 to the Sandyston-Walpack Consolidated School
10 District in Sussex County;
11 (24)\$41,728 to the Stillwater Township School District in Sussex
12 County;
13 (25) \$13,198 to the Vernon Township School District in Sussex
14 County; and
15 (26) \$26,000 to the Plainfield Public School District in Union
16 County.

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18 2. There is appropriated from the “Securing Our Children’s
19 Future Fund” to the Department of Education the sum of
20 \$1,000,000 for the administrative costs of the agency in
21 implementing current and future grants for eligible projects
22 pursuant to the provisions of the “Securing Our Children’s Future
23 Bond Act,” P.L.2018, c.119.

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25 3. The expenditure of sums appropriated by this act shall be
26 subject to the provisions and conditions of the “Securing Our
27 Children’s Future Bond Act,” P.L.2018, 119.

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29 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill appropriates a total of \$6,608,212 from the “Securing
35 Our Children’s Future Fund” to the Department of Education
36 (DOE) to provide grants for water infrastructure projects in New
37 Jersey school districts. Under the bill, \$5,608,212 is appropriated
38 for the purposes of providing grants to school districts, while
39 \$1,000,000 is appropriated for the administrative costs of the DOE
40 in implementing current and future grants for eligible projects.

41 Under the “Securing Our Children’s Future Bond Act,”
42 P.L.2018, c.119, a total of \$500 million in general obligation bonds
43 was authorized to be allocated as grants for the costs of career and
44 technical education expansion grants, school security projects, and
45 school district water infrastructure improvement grants. These
46 bond funds were approved by New Jersey voters on November 6,
47 2018.

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1 Of the total \$500 million amount, \$100 million was dedicated for
2 grants to school districts for water infrastructure improvement
3 projects that aimed to remediate drinking water contamination.
4 Under regulations promulgated pursuant to the bond act, eligible
5 projects generally include: 1) improvements to drinking water
6 outlets with a detectable level of lead or other contaminants; and 2)
7 whole system remediation.