

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 160**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Assemblyman RONALD S. DANCER

District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Urges Congress to pass "Student Agriculture Protection Act of 2019."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** urging Congress to pass the "Student
2 Agriculture Protection Act of 2019."

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4 **WHEREAS**, On March 14, 2019, H.R. 1770, the "Student Agriculture
5 Protection Act of 2019," was introduced in the United States House
6 of Representatives; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The bill would allow students involved in 4-H, the
8 National FFA Organization, or other similar agricultural education
9 programs to claim a special income tax exemption; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Such organizations provide a vital role in educating
11 students in agricultural techniques and practices, providing
12 opportunities for entrepreneurialism, and fostering a sense of
13 stewardship over the land; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The bill would benefit students involved in agriculture by
15 granting an exemption from federal income tax on up to \$5,000 that
16 a student earns as part of an agricultural project; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Agricultural projects completed by students may include
18 growing and harvesting crops, showing and selling livestock, or
19 harvesting eggs or wool; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Allowing students to keep more of the proceeds of these
21 projects would incentivize greater participation and would signal
22 that the country wishes to encourage a new generation of farmers;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey has over 2,250 FFA members and thousands
25 of 4-H members and volunteers in hundreds of local 4-H clubs; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Agriculture is one of the State's largest industries, and the
27 State boasts a variety of small agricultural businesses, so promoting
28 a new generation of effective stewards for these businesses is vital
29 to the economic health of the State; and

30 **WHEREAS**, It is thus fitting and proper for the Legislature to urge
31 Congress to pass the "Student Agriculture Protection Act of 2019"
32 in order to encourage students of agriculture in the State and the
33 rest of the nation; now, therefore,

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35 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
36 *Jersey (the Senate concurring):*

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38 1. The Legislature urges the United States Congress to pass the
39 "Student Agriculture Protection Act of 2019," pending before
40 Congress as H.R. 1700, in order to encourage and support students
41 of agriculture.

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43 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
44 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the
45 Secretary of the Senate to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the
46 United States Senate, the Speaker and Majority and Minority
47 Leaders of the United States House of Representatives, the

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1 Chairperson of the House Ways and Means Committee, and each
2 member of the United States Congress elected from this State.

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STATEMENT

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7 This resolution would urge Congress to pass the "Student
8 Agriculture Protection Act of 2019," which would allow a student
9 enrolled in 4-H, FFA, or another similar agricultural organization to
10 claim a federal income tax exemption on the first \$5,000 in income
11 that the student earns as part of an agricultural project.