

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 181

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Urges President and Congress enact H.R. 7290, providing aid to businesses, towns, and schools near U.S. joint military bases.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** urging the President and Congress to enact
2 H.R.7290 which provides aid to businesses, towns, and schools
3 near joint military bases in the United States.

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5 **WHEREAS**, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst has over 40,000 service
6 members and civilian employees; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The joint base and its surrounding community is suffering
8 due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic; and

9 **WHEREAS**, On June 22, 2020, H.R.7290 was introduced in Congress to
10 help communities near military installations manage the wide-
11 ranging impact of the coronavirus pandemic; and

12 **WHEREAS**, H.R.7290 would boost funding to small businesses that
13 support military bases, and make it easier for more school districts to
14 qualify for federal impact aid; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Aid to the schools is of vital importance because it provides
16 direct financial assistance to school districts with large student
17 populations who live on military bases and whose families pay none
18 of the property taxes that traditionally cover educational expenses;
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20 **WHEREAS**, The legislation would also help reduce the local cost-share
21 for certain off-base community infrastructure projects funded in part
22 by the United States Department of Defense; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Community infrastructure projects that could be eligible to
24 receive aid include natural gas service, telecommunications, road
25 improvements, new school construction or renovations, and police,
26 fire and emergency response facilities; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Assisting surrounding communities where military families
28 live, go to school, or shop is a key step to protecting the future of
29 each community and its ability to continue to support our military
30 service members and their families; and

31 **WHEREAS**, H.R.7290 will help to make sure that the communities that
32 support our nation's military service members and their families and
33 help them keep our State and country safe have the help they need in
34 these extraordinary times; now, therefore,

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36 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
37 of New Jersey:

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39 1. The State of New Jersey urges the President and Congress to
40 enact H.R.7290, which provides aid to businesses, towns, and schools
41 near joint military bases in the United States.

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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 President of the United States, the
46 Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the
47 Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of
48 Representatives, and every member of Congress elected from this
49 State.

1 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This joint resolution urges the President and Congress to enact
7 H.R.7290, which provides aid to businesses, towns, and schools near
8 joint military bases in the United States.

9 H.R.7290 is designed to help communities near military
10 installations thrive the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. It would
11 help reduce the local cost-share for certain off-base community
12 infrastructure projects funded in part by the United States
13 Department of Defense. It would also boost funding to small
14 businesses that support military bases, and make it easier for more
15 school districts to qualify for federal impact aid. The aid to schools
16 is of vital importance because it provides direct financial assistance
17 to school districts with large student populations who live on military
18 bases and whose families pay none of the property taxes that
19 traditionally cover educational expenses.

20 Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst has over 40,000 service
21 members and civilian employees. H.R.7290 will help to make sure
22 that the communities that support our nation's military service
23 members and their families have the help they need in these
24 extraordinary times.