

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 211

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Urges high schools to include information concerning apprenticeship programs in events and resources provided to help students develop postsecondary plans.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging high schools to include
2 information concerning apprenticeship programs in the events
3 and resources provided to help students develop their
4 postsecondary plans.

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6 **WHEREAS**, As high school students approach graduation, it is
7 important for them to explore the numerous opportunities that await
8 them upon completion of their secondary education; and

9 **WHEREAS**, While many students decide to enroll in baccalaureate
10 programs, students also have the option to attend community
11 college or trade school, join the military, pursue volunteer
12 opportunities, look for a job, start their own business, or become an
13 apprentice; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Apprenticeship programs allow employers to develop and
15 prepare members of their future workforce while providing
16 individuals the opportunity to earn income, develop specialized job
17 skills, receive classroom instruction, and be mentored by industry
18 professionals; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Apprenticeship programs also provide affordable pathways
20 to high-paying jobs and careers without the need to incur the
21 amounts of students debt typically associated with enrollment at a
22 college or university; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Career seekers can find apprenticeships in industries such
24 as information technology, finance and business, healthcare,
25 hospitality, transportation, and manufacturing; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Demand for workers in various skilled trades remains high
27 while an insufficient number of available workers remains low,
28 resulting in attractive wages and opportunities for those who
29 complete an apprenticeship program; and

30 **WHEREAS**, To help students decide which career pathways are best for
31 them, high schools hold events and provide resources that allow
32 students to better understand their own interests, explore careers
33 that align with those interests, and determine how to acquire the
34 necessary education to enter into those careers; however, these
35 events and resources often favor academic programs while
36 overlooking the viability of apprenticeship programs; and

37 **WHEREAS**, Information concerning apprenticeship programs should be
38 included in these events and resources in order to help students
39 understand the options available to them after graduation; now,
40 therefore,

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42 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
43 *Jersey:*

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45 1. This House urges high schools across the State to include
46 information concerning apprenticeship programs in the events and
47 resources provided to help students develop their postsecondary
48 plans.

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