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SYNOPSIS

Provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns to support healthcare education.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning voluntary contributions through gross income
2 tax returns to support healthcare education in New Jersey,
3 supplementing chapter 9 of Title 54A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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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 established in the Department of the Treasury a
9 special fund to be known as the “Edward J. Ill Excellence in
10 Medicine Scholarship Fund.”

11 b. A taxpayer shall have the opportunity to indicate on the
12 taxpayer’s New Jersey gross income tax return that a portion of the
13 taxpayer’s tax refund or an enclosed contribution shall be deposited
14 in the “Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund.”

15 c. Any costs incurred by the Division of Taxation for collection
16 or administration attributable to this section may be deducted from
17 receipts collected pursuant to this section, as determined by the
18 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the
19 Department of the Treasury. The State Treasurer shall deposit net
20 contributions collected pursuant to this section into the “Edward J.
21 Ill Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund.”

22 d. The Legislature shall annually appropriate all monies
23 deposited in the “Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Scholarship
24 Fund” to the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Foundation Inc.
25 for the purposes of supporting healthcare education in New Jersey
26 through scholarship awards.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable
29 years beginning on or after the January 1 next following the date of
30 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on
36 gross income tax returns to support healthcare education in New
37 Jersey through scholarship awards. The bill establishes a special
38 fund in the Department of the Treasury, to be known as the
39 “Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund,” to which
40 all donations collected from voluntary contributions are deposited.
41 The bill is in honor of Edward J. Ill, M.D., a New Jersey physician
42 who was a pioneer in promoting continuing education in ways that
43 set the national standard.

44 As tuition rises year after year and pressures continue to mount
45 for aspiring healthcare professionals, the need to support these
46 aspiring healthcare professionals grows. The intent of the “Edward
47 J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Scholarship Fund” is to support young
48 healthcare providers so they can afford to remain in the State and

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1 have productive careers for the benefit of New Jersey. Recipients
2 of the scholarship awards, through the Edward J. Ill Excellence in
3 Medicine Foundation, are New Jersey residents demonstrating
4 excellence in academics, a commitment to the community and the
5 State of New Jersey.

6 The bill requires the Legislature to appropriate all funds
7 deposited in the special fund to the Edward J. Ill Excellence in
8 Medicine Foundation for distribution through scholarship awards.