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SYNOPSIS

Extends eligibility for certain SDA grant funding to Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning school facilities projects at the Marie H.
2 Katzenbach School for the Deaf and amending P.L.2000, c.72.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 15 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-15) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 15. a. In the case of a district other than an SDA district, for any
10 project approved by the commissioner after the effective date of this
11 act, the district may elect to receive a one-time grant for the State
12 share of the project in accordance with the provisions of subsection
13 b. of this section rather than annual debt service aid under section 9
14 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-9). The State share payable to the
15 district shall equal the product of the project's final eligible costs
16 and the district aid percentage or 40%, whichever is greater. The
17 Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf shall be eligible to
18 receive a one-time grant in accordance with the provisions of
19 subsection b. of this section.

20 b. The commissioner shall establish a process for the annual
21 allocation of grant funding. Under that process, the commissioner
22 shall annually notify districts of the date on which the
23 commissioner shall begin to receive applications for grant funding.
24 A district shall have 90 days from that date to submit an application
25 to the commissioner. The commissioner shall make a decision on a
26 district's application within 90 days of the submission of all such
27 applications and shall allocate the grant funding in accordance with
28 the priority process established pursuant to paragraph (4) of
29 subsection m. of section 5 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-5).

30 c. The development authority shall provide grant funding for
31 the State's share of the final eligible costs of a school facilities
32 project pursuant to an agreement between the district and the
33 development authority which shall, in addition to other terms and
34 conditions, set forth the terms of disbursement of the State share.
35 The funding of the State share shall not commence until the district
36 secures financing for the local share.
37 (cf: P.L.2008, c.39, s.5)

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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill extends eligibility for certain grant funding from the
45 New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) to the Marie H.
46 Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 The SDA provides grant funding to non-SDA districts, also
2 known as “regular operating school districts.” These grants,
3 referred to as “section 15 grants,” are provided to address health
4 and safety issues and other critical needs. Under this bill, the Marie
5 H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf would be eligible to apply for a
6 one-time section 15 grant.