

SENATE, No. 4076

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$500,000 for USS New Jersey Commissioning Committee to support commissioning of boat and assigned personnel.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/8/2021)

1 A SUPPLEMENT to the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations act,
2 P.L.2021, c.133.

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

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7 1. The following language is added to P.L.2021, c.133, the
8 annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2022:

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10 **67 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS'**

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AFFAIRS

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10 Public Safety and Criminal Justice

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14 Military Services

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GRANTS-IN-AID

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16 In addition to the amounts hereinabove appropriated, there is
17 appropriated from the General Fund an amount not to exceed
18 \$500,000 for the USS New Jersey Commissioning Committee,
19 which amount shall be used by the committee to fund traditional
20 Commissioning Week activities. The expenditure of the amount
21 appropriated for the USS New Jersey Commissioning Committee
22 is subject to the approval of the Adjutant General of the
23 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs of an itemized plan
24 for the expenditure, as shall be submitted by the USS New Jersey
25 Commissioning Committee. Any amount unexpended shall be
26 donated for the support of personnel and their families and for
27 the funding of existing or the creation of new United States Navy
28 scholarship programs.

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill appropriates up to \$500,000 from the General Fund to
36 the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for the USS New
37 Jersey Commissioning Committee. The appropriation is to support
38 the commissioning of the USS New Jersey and the officers and
39 crew assigned to the boat. A ship's commissioning is an historic
40 event that brings together our military, veterans, and local
41 community with significant economic benefits for the surrounding
42 region.

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44 In May 2015, the Secretary of the Navy announced that the SSN-
45 796, a Virginia-class nuclear-powered fast-attack submarine would
46 be named after the State of New Jersey, becoming the third Naval
47 vessel to carry the name. The BB-16, a Virginia-class battleship
48 and a member of the Great White Fleet, was the first ship to bear
the name the U.S.S. New Jersey and the BB-62, an Iowa-class

1 battleship, better known as the Battleship New Jersey, the official
2 State Ship, was the second ship to bear the name the U.S.S. New
3 Jersey. The Battleship New Jersey is now a museum and memorial
4 moored on the Camden City Waterfront.

5 The submarine is currently scheduled for delivery to the Navy in
6 2022. Contributions to the USS New Jersey Commissioning
7 Committee support traditional Commissioning Week activities,
8 visits to the State by crewmembers, and habitability upgrades to the
9 boat for the crew.