

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 164

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Approves NJ Building Authority project described in project report entitled “New Jersey State Capitol Complex Security Screening Building and Secure Courtyard Project.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** expressing the approval of the
2 Legislature for a project described in project report entitled the
3 “New Jersey State Capitol Complex Security Screening Building
4 and Secure Courtyard Project” by the New Jersey Building
5 Authority.
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7 **WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the "New Jersey Building Authority Act,"
8 P.L.1981, c.120 (C.52:18A-78.1 et seq.) (act), the New Jersey
9 Building Authority (authority) is authorized to undertake
10 “projects” as defined in the act; and
11 **WHEREAS**, The authority has determined that it is desirable and in
12 the best interests of the authority to undertake a project for use
13 by the New Jersey State Police; and
14 **WHEREAS**, Prior to the authority undertaking any project whose
15 cost is estimated to exceed \$100,000, the authority shall comply
16 with the provisions of the act, including, the preparation of a
17 project report, the submission of the project report to the New
18 Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning for its
19 review and findings, and the submission to the Legislature of the
20 project report together with, among other things, the findings of
21 the New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning;
22 and
23 **WHEREAS**, The authority adopted a resolution approving the project
24 report referenced herein that describes the project it desires to
25 undertake; and
26 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and
27 Planning approved the project report referenced herein that
28 describes the project that the authority desires to undertake; and
29 **WHEREAS**, Pursuant to section 8 of the act, the authority submitted
30 the project report and supporting documentation to the President
31 of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly; and
32 **WHEREAS**, The act requires that a project to be undertaken by the
33 authority be approved by the Legislature within 45 days of
34 submission of the project report, or the next meeting date
35 immediately thereafter for a house not meeting on that date, or
36 else the project shall be deemed disapproved; and
37 **WHEREAS**, The project described in the project report has the
38 following general characteristics:
39 Location – A currently open courtyard between the Executive
40 State House (ESH), Legislative State House (LSH), and State
41 House Annex (Annex) in close proximity to West State Street,
42 City of Trenton, Mercer County, New Jersey;
43 Description – The project shall consist of the design,
44 construction, and equipping of a stand-alone building to serve as
45 a security screening building and the enclosure of a currently
46 open courtyard between the ESH, LSH, and the Annex;
47 Size – The security screening building will consist of
48 approximately 2,000 to 2,500 square feet and the secured

1 courtyard will consist of approximately 20,000 square feet;
 2 Agencies proposed for use – New Jersey State Police;
 3 Projected costs - \$8,000,000. This estimated cost shall include all
 4 essential project components, including but not limited to:
 5 professional fees (legal, architectural, engineering,
 6 environmental consultants and construction management);
 7 construction of any necessary site related work; construction
 8 costs, permits, and contingencies; and costs of any equipment, if
 9 necessary; and

10 **WHEREAS**, The project described in the project report has a current
 11 working cost estimate of \$8,000,000, but that amount depends
 12 upon the results of contract bidding following the final design of
 13 the project and could be as much as ten to fifteen percent above
 14 the project cost estimate; now, therefore,

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16 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the
 17 General Assembly concurring):

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19 1. The project described in the project report entitled the “New
 20 Jersey State Capitol Complex Security Screening Building and
 21 Secure Courtyard Project” is approved. This approval shall be
 22 deemed to include changes or modifications to the project as to
 23 architectural or engineering designs, or changes in the needs of the
 24 affected agencies, which the agencies indicate are necessary;
 25 provided that the changes or modifications do not materially change
 26 the scope or use of the project or materially increase the costs as
 27 described in the project report after adjustments for the effects of
 28 inflation in the construction industry.

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30 2. Duly authenticated copies of this concurrent resolution,
 31 signed by the Speaker of the General Assembly and attested by the
 32 Clerk thereof, and signed by the President of the Senate and attested
 33 by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the New Jersey
 34 Building Authority.

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STATEMENT

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39 This concurrent resolution approves the New Jersey Building
 40 Authority project described in the project report entitled the “New
 41 Jersey State Capitol Complex Security Screening Building and
 42 Secure Courtyard Project,” and as described in this resolution. The
 43 approval by the Legislature is required by the provisions of the
 44 “New Jersey Building Authority Act” before the New Jersey
 45 Building Authority is authorized to undertake a project. The
 46 purpose of the project described in the project report is to improve
 47 the existing security provisions for the State Capitol Complex in
 48 order to further secure the State Capitol Complex against threat

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1 actors seeking to: 1) threaten the ability to conduct State business
2 by the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch; and 2) threaten
3 the health and safety of State officials and members of the public at
4 the State Capitol Complex.